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The brief genealogical record of this work has necessarily been very imperfectly gathered. But little assistance has been given to the author, save by those who have donated their own labor, in compiling a far more full family genealogy than she could possibly find time to give to any one family. Those which she has given are intended as guides to persons who may be compiling full family genealogies. Carrying, as her aim has been, as far as time and opportunity have offered, the names of the pioneers of Fairfield and their descendants for three generations, many persons at the present time will, from them, be able to make their family links, by comparing them with home records and family Bibles. The Probate and Town records of Fairfield are rich with recorded and unrecorded wills on file. Many of the latter bear coats of arms stamped upon the seals. The Probate and Town records of Fairfield and Bridgeport, with their parish records, and the parish records of Green's Farms, Greenfield Hill, Redding, Easton and Weston, offer valuable assistance to the genealogist. The author deeply regrets, for want of time and the assistance which every family should take pride in contributing towards this undertaking, her inability to give other names, as worthy of mention as some of those which she has given. To write full genealogies of all the early settlers of Fairfield, even for three generations, would be a life work of several volumes.

GENEALOGICAL TABLE

ADAMS

EDWARD ADAMS was at New Haven in 1640, was in Milford in 1646, & at Fairfield in 1650. He purchased a house & home-lot of Andrew Ward 7. Dec. 1653, west of Hyde's Pond, but soon removed to Barlow's Plain. In his will dated 7. Aug. 1671, he mentions s. Samuel, to whom he gave his house & home-lot in the town, lying between Francis Bradley's & John Tompkins, provided he finished it at his own expense, after being furnished with stones, mortar, & attendance for the walls to be thirteen feet high, to be paid for out of the estate ; to s. Abraham ten acres at Barlow's Plain, lying next that he gave his d. Mary's husband, Samuel Robinson ; and other lands ; to d. Mary Merwin, whose first husband was Luke Guire, two acres in Barlow's Plain, running down to the large pond. He gave to ss. Samuel & Abraham part of his long-lot, & commonage ; & to his d. Mary commonage & part of his long-lot. All the rest of his land, housing, movables & cattle he gave to his wife Mary, while she remained his widow, & entailed it to his minor sons Nathaniel, John, & Nathan. Mary Adams m. Luke Guire of F. 23 Feb. 1663, who died early leaving one son Luke, who was remembered by his grandfather Edward Adams, in his will.

SAMUEL 1. s. of Edward Adams 1. m. first —— d. of ——, & had Samuel, b. 1. Jan. 1677, & Daniel, 17. May 1679. He next m. Mary, d. of Robert Meeker, 15. July 1679. Their children were Sarah, b. 3 Oct. 1680 ; Abigail, 25. March 1682 ; Elizabeth, 3. Feb. 1684 ; Abraham, 1. Jan. 1685 ; Jonathan, Oct. 1686 ; David, 24. June 1689 ; Benjamin, 28. Dec 1690 ; John, 6 Sept 1692.

ABRAHAM, s. of Edward Adams 1. m. Sarah d. of —— & was not bapt. until 9 Dec 1694 at F. Their children were Deborah & Hannah bapt. 20 Jan 1694[4] ; Mary, Abigail, Susanna & Elizabeth, all bapt. 24. Feb. 1694[5], at F.

NATHAN 1. s. of Edward 1. m. Mary ——, d. of Joseph James, who was not bapt. until 23 Dec 1694 at F. Their children were Nathan, Nathaniel & Candey, all bapt. 23 Dec. 1694; Ruth, bapt. 11 Oct 1696; Mary, 2. Oct 1698; Jonathan, 1. Sept. 1700; Avis, 29. Nov 1702; & Nathaniel again 1 Oct 1714. He probably settled early at Green's Farms, where his descendants are still found.

Nathaniel & John ss. of Edward Adams 1. died unmarried.

DANIEL 1. s. of Samuel Adams 1. m. Rebecca, d. of ——. Their children were Rebecca, bapt. 30 Aug 1702 & m. Joshua Jennings 3. Feb 1724; Samuel, 19. March 1703[1]; Daniel, 29. June 1707; Sarah, — 1711; & Elizabeth, 2. June 1717.

The Adams family early settled at Green's Farms and Westport.

ANDREWS

ANDROS, ANDROWS & ANDREWS. FRANCIS ANDREWS was in Hartford in 1639, where he m. Anne d. of prof. Giles Smith, & had there s. John b. 27. Sept. 1646; & Thomas 2. Jan. 1648. He removed to F. soon after & became one of the Bankside farmers, where his home-lot of ten acres lay west of Daniel Frost's. He made his will on 6. June 1662, which was probated 5. March 1662[a1] In his will he gave to his s. Thomas 5 acres of land at Bankside, & a piece of land in his home-lot to set a house upon, a gun-barrel & a stock; to s. John 3 acres of the lower end of his home-lot, & a piece of land 4 rods wide, with a house upon it, provided he allowed his mother the use of another house as good, 3 acres of meadow, called the heather-bite, & a gun. To s. Jeremiah a rapier, a staff & 20*s*.; to s. Abraham 20*s*.; to d's Mary, Hester, Rebecca & Ruth 10*s*. each when 18 yrs. of age; to John Crampton husband of his d. Hannah 3 roods of land in his home-lot next his house, provided he fenced it all around with a five rail fence; to granddaughter Hannah Crampton 10*s*.; to his wife Anna house, land, & the remainder of his estate. He made Dr. Thomas Pell overseer of his estate. Jeremiah Andrews lived in Stamford & d. about 1713.

THOMAS 1. s. of Francis Andrews 1., (Savage calls s. of Francis living at Milford 1675–1700), m. Eliza d. of Robert Porter of Farmington, & had Hannah & Mary bapt. 31. May 1685, & perhaps a family of other children. Savage's Gen. Dic. This may not have been the son of Francis of F.

JOHN 1. s. of Francis Andrews 1. of F. m. Sarah d. of Simon Couch. Their children were John, b. 24. Oct. 1679 & Sarah, 12. Jan. 1680, & d. in 1683. F. T. Rec. He with Simon Couch, who m. his sister Mary Andrews, purchased of the other heirs, & of their mother the long-lot & other lands of Francis Andrews 1. at Fairfield. He was deeded several parcels of land by his father at Bankside, & owned a considerable land at Turkey-hill. In the distribution of his estate in 1733 w. Sarah is mentioned; d. Abigail w. of William Edwards; d. Hannah w. of Samuel Osborn; d. —— w. Thomas Couch; d. Isabel w. Robert Rumsey & d. Deborah w. of Jacob P. Jones.

JOHN 2. s. of John Andrews 1. m. —— d. of ——— & was not bapt. until 27. June 1708, at which time his s. John was baptized. His d. Abigail was bapt. 14. Aug. 1709; Eleanor, 14. Nov. 1711; Daniel, 13. June 1714 & d. 1728. F. Par. Rec.

JOHN 3. s. of John Andrews 2. m. Sarah, d. of Simon Couch 28. Oct. 1730 & settled at Bankside. Their children were Sarah, b. 6. Aug. 1731; John, 17. March 1734; Abraham, 23. Aug. 1735; Abigail, 13. Dec. 1736; Ellinor, 4. Aug. 1738; Samuel, 23. Feb. 1740; Isabel, 20. Sept. 1742; Simon, Deborah, & Hannah 28. Oct. 1744.

ABRAHAM s. of Francis Andrews 1. lived in Danbury where he died in 1735.

It appears that the Andrew's family of Bankside or Green's, Farms trace their descent from Francis 1. through his son John. Among the distinguished descendants of this family was Judge Andrews of Ohio, whose monument rests over his grave in the cemetery at Green's Farms.

BANKS

JOHN BANKS was one of the first settlers of Windsor, Conn., & was a lawyer by profession. In 1643 he was appointed town clerk, & also "to size the weights & measures of the several towns in the colony." He settled at F. soon after, & was granted a home-lot by the town; but on the 12. of Jan. 1649, he purchased Daniel Frost's house & home-lot of 3¾ acres on the Frost Square. When Rye fell under the jurisdiction of Connecticut, he, with his sons were among the first land-holders of that town; which he represented from 1670 to 1673. He soon returned to F., & was prominent in all the exciting events of that period. He was one of the richest men in F. & one of the largest land holders in F. Co. It is to be greatly regretted that so little is known of his early history; but that he was from one of the best families of England there is no doubt.

Savage states that "by tradition his first wife was a d. of Charles Tainter of Weathersfield," who also afterwards resided at F. (where his will is probated & dated 20. Oct. 1658,) & had one child at Windsor. His second wife was Mary Fitch wid. of Thomas Sherwood 1 of F. His will is dated 12. Jan. 1685, about which time he died. He gave his wife Mary the use of his house & home-lot, 30 acres on the front of his long-lot; several other pieces of land; 40£. out of his household goods & chattels; the use of his silver tankard & of two Indian boys, one negro woman, & two cows. He gave to his son John Banks 150 acres at Byram River, 30 acres in the plain of same place above the main road; 40 or 50 acres at Horseneck, & the Island called Calves' Island "lying before said neck." To s. Obediah, all land above Pine Creek at F. & several other parcels of land. To s. Benjamin his pasture-lot & building-lot, & land at the Rocks purchased of Thomas Lyon; two miles of his long-lot in the rear of that given to his wife, "he allowing proper high ways; half of his Perpetual Common; dividends at Compo, & 160 acres purchased of Blackley & Brandford. To his grandson, s. of his s. John, he gave all the land he left for the use of his wife after her death; the other half of his long-lot; one half of his Perpetual Common, and his silver tankard, after his wife's death. To his d. Susanna, wife of Jonathan Sturgis 1. 20s. & to her s. John Sturgis when of age 10£. To grandson, Benjamin s. of his s. Benjamin 10£., when of age. To his d. Hannah, wife of Daniel Burr of Upper Meadow 5£., & to his son in-law Daniel Burr, a meadow between the Old Field & Pine Creek. To d. Mary w. of John Taylor 20s. To sons John, Obediah & Benjamin Banks, as executors, he left all remaining undisposed of estate, who were to cover out of the estate, the foreside of his dwelling house & barn with shingles within one year from the date of his decease. To his step-son Mathew Sherwood, he gave a lot in the Old Indian Field, for work to be done about his house, which they had formerly agreed upon. He had a s. Joseph, who died Oct. 1682.

SERGT. JOHN 2. s. of John Banks 1. m. Abigail d. of ——, & settled at Greenwich. & d. 1699. Of him I know no more.

BENJAMIN, s. of John Banks 1. m. Elizabeth d. of Richard Lyon 1., 29. Jan. 1679, & had Benjamin b. 30, Oct. 1682; Elizabeth 26. Nov. 1685; & probably other children. He died about 1692, & his widow m. Wm Rowlson.

OBEDIAH, s. of John Banks 1. d. unmarried about 1691. In his will he mentions cousin Joseph, s. of his bro. John; sister Mary Taylor; bro. Benjamin, bro. Samuel & sister Rebecca Wheeler, d. of Sergt. John Wheeler.

BENJAMIN, s. of Benjamin Banks 2. b. Nov. 1681, (probably a mistake for 30. Oct. 1682.) covenanted & bapt. 5. June 1726. Ruth, wife of Benjamin Banks, b. 18. May 1683, bapt. in infancy. Their children were Benjamin, b. 8, Aug. 1706; Thomas, 13. Nov. 1707; John, 8. Sept. 1710, & died about four years of age; Gershom, 1. May 1712; Johanna, 28. Feb. 1714^{15}; John, 7. Nov. 1717; David, 22. April 1718; Nehemiah, 27. April 1720, & died in infancy; Mary, 18. March 1721^{22}. His first wife died, & he m. the wid. Sarah Hull, & had son Eliphalet b. 25. July 1740.

JOSEPH, s. of John Banks 2. b. 29. Dec 1691, & bapt. 13. April 1712. He m. Mary —— b. 8

Jan. 1693. Their children were Joseph, b. 12. April ——; Sarah, 1. Feb. 1715[16]; David, 22. April ——; & Mindwell, 6. Oct 1720; Nehemiah, 28. Feb. 1722; Ebenezer, 9. Dec 1724; Mary, 19. July 1731.

BARLOW

JOHN BARLOW 1. was one of the earliest settlers of F. He owned the lot next S. W. of Roger Ludlow, on the Ludlow Square. He sold this place to Thomas Morehouse before 1653, & settled on the beautiful plain, running northwest of the Ludlow Square & Concord Field, which in honor of his name was called Barlow's Plain. He was possessed of a large estate. His will is dated 28. March 1674, in which he mentions w. Ann, & children John; Isabella w. of Peter Clapham; Ruth, w. of Francis Bradley; Elizabeth w. of Daniel Frost; Martha w. of James Beers 1. & Deborah w. of John Sturgis.

JOHN 2. s. of John Barlow 1. m. Abigail, d. of Robert Lockwood. Their children were: John, Joseph, Samuel, Abigail, Deborah, Elizabeth & Ruth. Elizabeth was b. 11. May 1677. (F. T. Rec.) Abigail, m. Jonathan Rowland 28. Jan. 1690. The inventory of his estate was taken 6. March 1690[21]. F. T. Rec.

JOHN 3. s. of John Barlow 2. renewed the Church Covenant at F. on the 24. of Feb. 1694[5]. His s. John was bapt. at the same time; Samuel, bapt. 26. April 1696; Abigail, 5. Sept. 1697. Ann, 19. Nov. 1699; Joseph, 18. May 1701; Francis, 16. Aug. 1702; Sarah, 5. March 1703[4]; Deborah, 3, March 1705[6], at which time the father was called Lieut. F. Par. Rec.

SAMUEL 1. s. of John Barlow 3. m. —— d. of —— their children were: Gershom, bapt. 17 Feb. 1705[6]; Samuel, 16. March 1706[7]; Gershom, 19, Dec. 1708; Samuel, 22: Jan 1709[10]; Daniel, 28, Oct. 1711, at which time the father was called Serg[t]; Elizabeth, 20, June 1714; Abigail, 5, Aug. 1716; Mary, 2. Nov. 1718. F. Par. Rec.

SAMUEL 2. s. of Samuel Barlow 1 m. Eunice, d. of Daniel Bradley 12, Aug. 1731, & lived at Redding. Their children were: Daniel, b. 24 Nov. 1734; Ruhamah, 22, Jan. 1737; James, 29, Jan. 1739; Jabez, 21, March 1742.

Samuel Barlow 2, again m. second wife, Esther, d. of Nathaniel Hull, 7. Aug. 1744; Their children were Nathaniel, b. 13, May 1745; Aaron, 11, Feb. 1750; Samuel, 3. April 1752; & Joel, 24. March, 1754. The father died 20. Dec. 1773.

JOEL s. of Samuel Barlow 2; born at Redding 24 March 1754, first entered Dartmouth College in 1774 or 5; but graduated with high honors at Yale in 1778, in the class with Hon. Zepheniah Swift; Uriah Tracy; Noah Webster; Oliver & Alexander Wolcott, & other distinguished men, at which time he delivered a creditable poem entitled, "The Prospect of Peace." He early showed talent of a superior quality, & became a marked favorite with Dr. Trumbull & Dr. Dwight. He was an intimate college friend of Thomas Paine, who probably had not at that time become imbued with French infidelity. He studied law, & divinity for a short time, & after being licensed as a Congregational minister, he became a Chaplain in the army of the Revolution until the close of the war. In 1783 he opened a law office at Hartford, & upon Elisha Babcock removing his printing press from Springfield to Hartford, he entered into partnership with him in editing "The American Mercury." In 1785 he was chosen by the General Association of the Congregational Church, to revise the Psalms of Dr Watts. In 1787 he published his "Vision of Columbus;" but his popular poem entitled "Hasty Pudding," written in France in 1793, exhibited a more decided poetical talent. In 1788 he went to England, as agent for the "Sciota Land Company," & then to France, where he became interested in the politics of the country, &, giving up his agency, joined the Girondists. In 1791 he returned to England, & there causing offence by his publications, he returned to France in 1792. In 1795 he was appointed by General Washington Consul to Algiers, where he effected a treaty which liberated Americans held as slaves by the Dey. He also succeeded in a treaty at Tripoli, by which the American prisoners there were redeemed: In 1797 he returned to Paris, & in 1805 to the United States, & settled in the vicinity of George-

town. In 1808 he published the great poem of his life "The Columbiad;" which was republished in 1811 in London. He was diligently engaged in writing a history of the United States in 1812, when he was appointed by General Washington Minister Plenipotentiary to France. Unfortunately, while on his way to Wilna to confer with the Emperor Napoleon, he contracted a severe cold, & died from inflammation of the lungs at Zarwanica, a small village in Poland, 2. Oct. 1812. He m. Ruth, a d. of Michael Baldwin of New Haven, who with her sister Clarissa accompanied her husband to France. Clarissa m. Col. Bomford of the U. S. Army. Both ladies were sisters of the Hon. Henry Baldwin of Pittsburg, Penn., & probably half sisters of the Hon. Abraham Baldwin of Georgia. Hinman's Puritan Settlers, Vol. 1. pp. 113, 131.

Thomas Barlow early settled at F.. & was probably a near kinsman of John Barlow 1. He was granted from the town six acres of land on the n. w. of the school & church land on the n. w. corner of the Frost Square, which was recorded 3, Dec. 1653. His will is dated 8, Sept. 1658, in which he mentions wife Rose & their children Phebe, Deborah & Mary. He appointed Dr. Thomas Pell overseer of his children & estate. He was a large land holder in F , & his surviving children Phebe & Deborah, were granted the various land dividends made by the town after his death. His d. Mary, probably died before him, or about the same time, as no mention is made of her in the distribution of his estate. I have seen mention of a s. Thomas, who must have died before his father. His wife Rose was probably the widow of Thomas Rumbell of Stratford, Conn., who came to N. E. in the ship True Love in 1635 aged 22, & served in the Pequot War. Mrs. Rose Barlow, the widow, m. Edward Nash of Norwalk. Phebe Barlow m. Francis Olmstead of Norwalk Ct. Deborah Barlow m. John Burritt of Stratford Ct. Francis Olmstead & John Burritt on the 2, Sept. 1700, in right of their wives, sold the Barlow six acre lot, in the rear of the meeting-house, to the Rev. Joseph Webb for 30£.

BARTRAM

JOHN BARTRAM settled at F. & m. Sarah d. of ——. Their children were John b. 23. Feb. 1690^{11}; a child not named 10. May 1692; John again 9. Jan 1693^{4}: Joseph, 8, Aug. 1696. [F. T. Rec.] Sarah, bapt. 23. Dec. 1694; Ebenezer, 30. April 1699; David, 13. Dec. 1702; & Sarah, 7. May 1704. F. Par. Rec.

JOHN 2. s. of John Bartram 1. settled at Greenfield & m. Sarah, the widow of Francis Bradley 2. Their children were, Sarah, b. 14. May 1719. and perhaps others.

EBENEZER s. of John Bartram 1. m. Elizabeth, d. of ——. Their children were Hannah, bapt. 4. July 1731; Ebenezer, 18. June 1732; Job, 30. March 1735; Eulalia, 3. July 1737; Barnabas, 30. Sept. 1739. F. Par. Rec.

DAVID 1. s. of John Bartram 1. m. Mehitabel, d. of ——. Their children were John, bapt. 24. Oct. 1731; Hannah, 25. Nov. 1733; David, 25. May 1735; Paul, 17. Oct. 1736; James, 23. April 1738; Isaac, 25. Jan. 1740^{11}; Elizabeth & Sarah 11. Sept. 1743; David again, 27. Oct. 1745. F. Par. Rec.

The Bartram family are represented by the family of the late Captain Joseph Bartram of Black Rock.

BEERS

JAMES BEERS 1. was an early settler at Sasquag, now Southport, where he was presented with 8 acres of land from the Indians, which, by tradition is located, where the Congregational church now stands. In 1669 he recorded 18 acres on the west side of Sasco River, which was confirmed to him by the town 10. Feb. 1661. Cothren of Woodbury makes him a son of Capt. Richard Beers of Watertown, a Pequot soldier, but Savage thinks this a mistake, & that he may have been a brother. He became one of the largest land-holders in F., sharing in all the dividends of the township. He m. Martha; d. of John Barlow 1., by whom he had several children. In his will dated 14. Nov 1694, he provides for his w. Martha, & gives to his s. Joseph all the rest of his

estate, provided he paid the following legacies; viz: an annual, stipulated support to his mother. Martha; to d. Martha, w. of Joseph Bulkley, who had had a larger marriage dower than her sisters 15£; to d. Deborah, w. of Samuel Hull, 23£; to d. Elizabeth, w. of John Darling, 23£. He confirmed to the children of his deceased s. James, lands he had deeded their father; & to his eldest grandson David Beers, his wolve's swamp & Paul's Neck division.

James 2. s. of James Beers 1. was for a time at Pequonnock, where he purchased 12. Sept 1660, of Andrew Ward, James Evarts' house & home-lot, lying between the home-lots of Joseph Middlebrook, & Thomas Wheeler sr. He lived for a time at Woodbury, but was again in F., where in 1684, he purchased land at Sasco Hill of John Osborn. He m. —— d. of Capt. Richard Osborn. His children were Sarah, b. 8. May 1673; James, 28. June 1677; & Joseph, 11. July 1679, David & Mary. He died in 1691, leaving a handsome estate.

Joseph 1 s. of James Beers 1. m. Abigail, d. of ——. Their children were Joseph, b. 13. March 1688?; Abigail, 24. April 1692; James & probably others. He died in 1697, leaving a good estate.

BRADLEY

The first of this name in F. was Francis Bradley, who resided in Branford in 1657, and came to F. in 1660. He is mentioned in the New Haven records as early as 1650, and was then a member of the family of Governor Theophilus Eaton, probably articled to him, as was the custom of those times, when it was desired to have a young man brought up to a particular business, or under the auspices of a particular person. If conjecture is right as to his parentage, his father and Eaton were school-mates, and nearly of the same age. He had an only brother, John Bradley of London, who died at an advanced age in March 1697. There is much reason to believe that they were sons of Francis Bradley Junior of the city of Coventry, who was born in 1595, & was son & heir of Francis Bradley Senior. Theophilus Eaton was born in Coventry in 1592, his father being minister of one of the Churches of that city; and Rev. John Davenport, co-leader with Eaton of the New Haven Colony, was born in the same city in 1597. As they all belonged to Puritan families, there is little doubt that Francis Bradley Junior, whose father was a man of respectability, (entitled to his "coat of arms"), was on intimate terms with both of these eminent men; and when, as happened in course of time, Eaton became a prominent merchant, and Davenport a popular preacher, in London, it is quite natural that Francis Bradley Junior should place his sons under their auspices in the great city, and entrust his younger son, Francis, to the personal care of his friend Eaton.

Francis Bradley Junior had an uncle in Coventry, named William Bradley, a younger brother of his father, conjectured to have been the father of William Bradley, who came to this country and settled at New Haven (or North Haven) in 1644, taking the oath of fidelity in August of that year; and whose step-mother, with her family of small children, Ellen, Daniel, Joshua, Nathan & Stephen Bradley, came over a year or two later, and became the ancestors of a numerous progeny, who look back to New Haven & Guilford as the places of their family origin.*

If Francis Bradley came from England with Governor Eaton in 1637, he could have been but a mere lad. It is possible that he came over with his cousin William in 1644, and was commended

* A pedigree and arms of the Bradley family of Coventry are recorded in Camden's "Visitation of the County of Warwick in 1619," published in Vol. XII of the Harleian Society publications. The pedigree embraces, 1. William Bradley of Cheriff-Hutton, county of York (who must have lived in Henry VIII's time): 2. William Bradley son of the preceding, of the city of Coventry, Co. of Warwick: 3, 4, 5, were Francis, Thomas and William, the three sons of the latter, who were born in Elizabeth's reign: 6. Francis Bradley Junior, son & heir of the preceding Francis, 24 years of age in 1619 when the visitation was made. His uncle William had at that time four daughters, and an infant son not yet named. The Bradley family of Yorkshire, of which this was a branch, may be traced back to a remote period. A Sir Francis Bradley flourished there in Edward III's time. (Harl. Soc. Pub. XVI. 147.)

to Eaton's care by his father. In Governor Eaton's house he had the highest religious and intellectual advantages. Cotton Mather gives an interesting account of the manner of life pursued in the Governor's establishment. Sometimes as many as thirty members of his own household sat down at his table, and he was in the habit of administering to them wise and godly discourse.* The influence of his high character and example, must have been very great with the young men under his charge. Francis Bradley seems to have profited by these advantages. All that we hear of him in the scanty notices that are preserved, are to his credit. He was evidently a young man of respectability when he settled at Fairfield. Soon after his arrival he married Ruth Barlow, a daughter of John Barlow, and thus became connected with some of the principal families of the place. Being admitted a freeholder of the town, he became entitled to all the privileges of a settler, including a participation in the dividends of the town lands. In October 1664, at a General Assembly at Hartford, he (with others) was accepted as a freeman of Fairfield under the government of Connecticut, before the Colony of New Haven had accepted the charter. In March 1666 he purchased the house and homestead lot of William Hayden in the town plot of Fairfield, consisting of 2½ acres of land.

Francis Bradley had seven children, four sons and three daughters, all of whom, as well as his wife, survived him. Their names and the approximate dates of their birth, are as follows: 1. Ruth, b. 1662; 2. John, 1664; 3. Abigail, 1667; 4. Francis, 1670; 5. Daniel, 1673; 6. Joseph, 1676; 7. Mary, Dec. 5, 1679, the record of her birth being preserved. Francis Bradley d. in October, 1689, leaving a will dated 22nd of January preceding. The inventory of his estate amounted to £648, exclusive of the portion set off to his eldest son, John, shortly before his death.

His descendants are numerous, and to be found in many of the Northern States; but the first three or four generations continued to reside in Fairfield and its vicinity, particularly in and about Greenfield Hill, partly on the "long lot" assigned to him, & other purchases and called the Bradley lands, which extended across the Aspetuck river north of Saugatuck. He left all his sons homesteads, besides their shares in his common lands, subject to legacies to his daughters. John, the eldest, had a homestead lot given to him at Greenfield; others, in Fairfield village. The eldest daughter, Ruth, married Thomas Williams. Abigail remained unmarried. Whether Mary married is not known.

The descendants of Francis Bradley, in the second and third generations, living in and about Greenfield during the last century, were a highly respectable and worthy class of people, some of them occupying positions of official trust and influence. They were the people amongst whom President Dwight spent those pleasant years of his ministerial life from 1783 to 1795, when he wrote his pastoral poem of "Greenfield Hill." His "female worthy," Mrs. Eleanor Sherwood, was a daughter of Francis Bradley, the second, and his congregation included a large number of families of that name.

The following letter, written by John Bradley of London, to his brother Francis, in 1696, (in ignorance of his brother's death) illustrates the infrequency of communication with the mother country in those early times, and the already close connection between New York and the towns along the Sound.

"These for his very loving Brother, Francis Bradley of Fairfield in New England.

"Dear Brother: It is now 10 years since I received a letter from you, tho' I have seen several seamen since, but no one could tell me whether you are in the land of the living as I am, which blessed be ye Almighty, tho in ye 74th (or 77) year of my age; and I begin to think I can by no means live long; which puts me in mind of settling ye small estate I have, & I have no children of my own, neither any relation nighe so near and dear to me as yourself and your children. Therefore, dear brother, I do heartily wish and desire y^t you were here yourself or if it were possible y^t I might have y^e happiness to see you before I die, which would be the greatest

* Magnalia, Book II. c. IX. sect. VII.

satisfaction to me in the world : but if that cannot be, then I should be glad if you have any one of your sons that is a sprightly boy and about the age of 16 or 17 years, that hath been pretty well bred, to bind him over to me, and I will take care of him. If this come to hand, be sure to let me hear from you. I send it on adventure according to your last directions, to Mr. Willson of New York. You may direct to me at my house in Red Lyon Street, near the Cross-Keys in Holborn. This is all at present, but to let you know, that I am dear sir, your most affectionate brother. John Bradley.

" London, January 24, 1695 (1696)."

The writer of this letter died about a year after its date, and probably not receiving any word from his brother's family, bequeathed all his property, a few days before his death, to his wife Elizabeth.

GENEALOGICAL RECORD

I. JOHN BRADLEY, eldest son of Francis and Ruth, married Hannah Sherwood ; and died in 1703, leaving his wife (who afterwards married Cornelius Jones of Stamford), and the following children : 1. *John*, born about 1693 ; 2 Abigail, 1695 ; 3 Elizabeth, 1697 ; 4, Ruth, 1699 ; 5 *Joseph*, 1701 ; 6 Hannah, 1703. Of these, 1 *John*, married Martha Darling and died 1773, upwards of 80. Whether he had children is not known. 5, *Joseph*, married Olive Hubbell June 20, 1724, dau. of Samuel Hubbell, Jr. and died March 1, 1770. His children were, 1 Thaddeus, b. 1727 ; 2 Onesimus, 1730 ; 3. Eunice, 1733 ; 4. Ruth, 1735 ; 5 Martha, 1737 ; 6 Nathan, 1740 ; 7 Isaac, 1743 ; 8 Joseph, 1746 ; 9 Benjamin, 1749. Thaddeus and Isaac died young. Onesimus removed to Western New York. Joseph m. Martha Bates & removed to Albany County N. Y. 1791, and had three sons, Isaac, Joseph & Daniel. The last Joseph m. Mary Wheeler & had a son Philo, father of Hon. Joseph P. Bradley, a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Isaac and Daniel removed to Onondaga County, N. Y. about 1800, and lived to great age.

II. FRANCIS BRADLEY, second son of Francis and Ruth, married Sarah Jackson ; and died Dec., 1716, leaving his wife and the following children : 1 Francis, b. 1699 ; 2 Samuel, 1701 ; 3 Ephraim, 1703 ; 4 John, Jr., 1705 ; 5 Eleanor, 1708 ; 6 Peter, 1710 ; 7 Gershom, 1712.

Of these, 1, *Francis* m. Mary Sturgis dau. of John Sturgis, 1719, and had ten children, Mary, born 1719 ; Elizabeth, 1721 ; Ebenezer, 1723 ; Eleanor, 1725 ; Francis, 1728 ; Elnathan, 1730 ; Jane, 1733 ; Hesther, 1735 ; Abigail and Nehemiah (twins) 1737.

2. *Samuel* married Sarah Whelpley, 1724, & died 1772. He had the following children : Sarah, born 1726 ; Mabel, 1729 ; Samuel, 1734 ; Hezekiah, 1735 ; Huldah, 1741. The last Samuel married Sarah Wakeman, 1751, & had Zalmon, born 1752 ; Samuel, 1756 ; Walter, 1764 ; and several daughters. Hezekiah m. Abigail Sherwood, 1756, & had Hezekiah Jr. 1757 ; Medad, 1761 ; Aaron Burr, 1764 ; & daughters.

4. *John Bradley Jr.* m. Sarah Gilbert, 1725, and had Hannah, born 1726 ; Lois, 1729 ; John, 1731 ; Reuben, 1733 ; Seth, 1735 ; Miriam, 1737 ; Enos, 1739 ; Lockwood, 1742 ; Ephraim, 1744 ; Moses, 1746 ; Abel, 1750. Of these, Seth Bradley, esquire, resided in Greenfield, where he died in 1798. Amongst other sons he (Seth) had Hull, born 1770, and Alton, b. 1778. Hull Bradley, esquire, resided in Greenfield and died there in 1850. Alton removed to Roxbury, Litchfield Co. Conn. and died 1838. Eli N. Bradley and other sons & descendants of Alton, reside in Roxbury, others in Chatham, New-York, William in Brooklyn, & Frederick (now deceased) removed to New Haven.

5. Eleanor married Benjamin Sherwood of Greenfield.

6, *Peter Bradley* m. Damaris Demon, 1735, and had Hannah, 1736 ; Grace, 1738 ; Griswell, 1739 ; Aaron, 1741 ; Ruami, 1743 ; Jane, 1745 ; Damaris, 1746 ; Peter, 1748 ; William, 1750.

7. *Gershom Bradley* m. 1 Sarah Sherwood, 2nd Elizabeth Osborn, 3rd Jane Dimon, 4th Elizabeth Burr. By Elizabeth Osborn he had Sarah, b. 1739 ; by Jane Dimon, Gershom b. 1742 ;

Sarah, 1745; Gershom ——; Jane, 1747; Jonathan, 1749; Dimon, 1752; Andrew, 1754; by Elizabeth Burr, Deborah b. 1757; Molly Burr, 1766; Gershom, 1768.

III. DANIEL BRADLEY, third son of Francis and Ruth, married Abigail, daughter of Joseph Jackson, and died 1714. He had children; 1 Daniel, bap. 1699, who died young; 2 Mary, 1701, also died young; 3 Martha, 1702; 4 *Daniel Jr.* 1704; 5 Abigail, 1706; 6 Eunice, 1708; 7 Mary, 1710; 8 James, 1712. *Daniel Jr.*, called Captain Daniel, m. Esther Burr, 1724, and had Abigail, born 1725; Jabez, 1727; Daniel, 1729; Esther, 1733; Stephen, 1734; Philip Burr, 1738; Elizabeth, 1741. By a second wife, Mary Fitch, he had Ruhamah, born 1745. By a third wife, Sarah Bradley, he had Eunice, b. 1752. In 1759, Capt. Daniel Bradley, with his family, removed to Ridgefield, Fairfield Co. where he died April 23rd 1765. His son, Philip Burr Bradley, graduated at Yale College in 1758, was Colonel in the Revolutionary army, the first marshal of the United States for Connecticut, and a prominent man of that State. He died in 1821. By his first wife, Mary Bostwick, he had two children. Mary, born 1766, and Jabez, 1768; by his second wife, Ruth Smith, daughter of Samuel Smith Esq. of Ridgefield, he had Philip, b. 1770; Ruth, 1771; Esther, 1773; Betsey, 1775; Sally, 1780; Jesse Smith, 1782. The youngest of these, Jesse Smith Bradley, graduated at Yale College in 1800, studied law at Litchfield, was several times elected to the legislature from Ridgefield, and judge of Fairfield Co. He died in 1833. He had several sons born from 1809 to 1818, viz: Philip Burr, Jesse Smith, Francis, William Henry, and Amos Baker. Of these, Philip Burr resides in Andrew Jackson Co., Iowa; Francis in Chicago; and William Henry in Chicago, for many years Clerk of the U. S. Court.

James Bradley, younger brother of Capt. Daniel, removed to Ridgefield in 1750. By his wife, Sarah Bennett, he had ten children, Samuel, Abigail, James, Ezekiel, Widden, Abiah, Howard, Sally, Polly & Lewis. He died at Ridgefield in 1784 and all his family, except two married daughters, afterwards removed to Saratoga County, N. Y. Howard removed from thence to Michigan, in 1834, where his family still reside.

IV. JOSEPH BRADLEY, fourth son of Francis and Ruth, m. Eleanor ——, and died October, 1714. He had children: 1. Sarah, bap. Feb. 3 1706; 2. Deborah, bap. same day; 3. Mary, bap. May 12, 1706; 4 David, 1708; 5 Joseph Jr. Ap 8, 1711; 6, Nathan, Oct. 18, 1713. Of these, 4. *David* m. Damaris Davis, 1731, and had, Eunice, 1732; Justus, 1734; Ellen, 1736; Olive, 1738; David, 1740; Damaris, 1742; Justus, 1745; Nathan, 1748; Mary, 1750; Bettie, 1753; Peter, 1756. 5. *Joseph Jr.* m. 1st Jerusha Turney, 1732, and had Mary, 1733; Increase, 1736; Jerusha, 1739. *Elisha*, 1745. He m. 2nd Mary Squire, 1747, and had, Ann, 1748; Naomi, 1749; Ruth, 1751; Mabel, 1753; Sarah, 1754; Mary, 1757; *Joseph*, 1759; Charity, 1765. Of these last, *Elisha* m. Eunice Banks, 1770, and had Jesse, 1771; Eli, 1772; Eunice, 1775; Sarah, 1777; Increase, 1780; Betsey, 1784; Susanna, 1786. *Jesse* was the father of Mr. Henry Bradley, who died at Greenfield, July 24, 1883, aged 76. *Joseph*, son of Joseph Jr. and Mary Squire, m. Rachel Burr, and was the father of the late Burr Bradley of Greenfield, and his sisters Grizzel and Mary, now deceased. They all lived in the old mansion, which is now occupied by Lloyd N. Sherwood, who married Burr Bradley's daughter.

V. There was a SAMUEL BRADLEY residing at Fairfield at the beginning of last century, not descended from Francis Bradley. He and his wife, Phebe, became members of the Fairfield Church May 25, 1712, and had two daughters, Deborah and Anna, baptized at the same time, and afterwards, a son, Samuel, bap. Nov. 1713; Benjamin, bap. March, 1716, and Phebe, bap. March, 1718. This Samuel Bradley probably came from New Haven. Joseph Bradley, eldest son of William Bradley of New Haven, had a son Samuel born Jan. 3rd, 1681, who was probably the person referred to. He appears to have been on intimate terms with the family of Francis Bradley, since in 1714[15], he was appointed guardian of some of the children, both of John and Joseph Bradley. No further notice of his descendants is found on the records.

Contributed by Justice Joseph P. Bradley of the
Supreme Court of the United States.

BULKLEY

The family of BUCKLOGH, BULCLOG or BULKLEY, is descended from Lord Bulklogh of Bulklogh, and derive their name from a chain of mountains in Ireland. They date as far back as the reign of King John of England in the 12, century.* The family coat of arms, found in the house of Rev. Gershom Bulkley D.D. of Weathersfield, Conn., who was a son of the Rev. Peter Bulkley of Concord, Mass., is thus described: Argent a chevron between three bulls heads cabossed—sable. The motto under it is, "*Nec temere nec timide*;" "neither rashly nor timidly." This shield with that of Chetwood (the second wife of the Rev. Peter Bulkley) "impaling Chetwode quarterly, argent & gules, four crosses pattie counterchanged, is quite handsome."†

THE REV. PETER BULKLEY, s. of the Rev. Edward Bulkley, D.D., of the parish of Odell, Berfordshire, England, was born Jan 31, 1583, & m. 1. Jane daughter of Sir Thomas Allen, & by her had twelve children. His second wife was Grace, d. of Sir Richard Chetwode, by whom he had several other children. He came to Massachusetts in 1635, & soon after was regularly installed teacher of the first church of Concord, Mass. (with the Rev. John Jones as pastor), where he died March 9, 1659, aged 76.

Three of the sons of Rev. Peter Bulkley, viz: Thomas, Daniel & Peter settled at Fairfield, & from them descended the Bulkleys of the town and county of Fairfield.

DANIEL s. of the Rev. Peter Bulkley, probably a bachelor was granted a home-lot by the town, next n. w. of his brother Thomas', in the Newton Square; & died soon after he came to F., leaving his estate to his brother Thomas.

THOMAS 1. son of the Rev. Peter Bulkley m. Sarah d. of the Rev. John Jones. He, with his wife and family, were of the company who moved from Concord to F. in 1644, where soon after he was granted a home-lot in the Newton Square s. w. of his brother Daniel's He died in 1658, leaving wife Sarah, who afterwards m. Anthony Wilson of F. Mrs. Wilson in her will dat. 15, Feb. 1680 81 mentions d. Sarah, wife of Eleazer Browne of New Haven; Rebecca wife of Joseph Whelpley of Fairfield; d. Hannah, & sons John & Joseph Bulkley. To her sons, she left her home-lot, ("or two home-lots as it sometimes was.") being about 4 acres on Concord St, opposite the Meeting-house Green, "viz: John the s. e. side, the whole depth of the lot, a rod in breadth more than Joseph's. Joseph to have the other part, & ye dwelling house & barn, & either of them to have such part of ye orchard as falls within their dividend; & to her sons she willed all other lands belonging to her. To John she willed a silver beaker, a silver spoon, a chair which was her father's, & books. To her son Joseph a silver spoon, an iron back, a carved chest & three books; to her d. Hannah £20, & £20. more in a codicil of the same date. To her d. Sarah Brown, she gave Graham's Works 3 vols. Walker's God's Providence, & a view of False Christianity. To d. Rebecca Whelpley Goodwin's Child of Light, & Mason's Care of Cares. To d. Hannah, Skudder's Daily Walk; Bane's Help to True Happiness; England's Elizabeth, & a silver porringer & small spoon. To sister Elizabeth Hill, Elbone's Complaint of a Sinner Answered. To s. Rev. Peter Bulkley, "The Covenant," Preston's Saint's Portion, Baine's Counter Bane. She divided her household furniture equally among her three daughters, leaving her son John her sole executor.

JOHN 1. s. of Thomas Bulkley 1. m. Sarah d. of Joseph Whelpley. Their children were Sarah; Esther who m. John Hill; Hannah m. cousin Peter Buckley; Elizabeth bapt. 26 Aug. 1694, & m. Nathaniel Whitehead of Elizabethtown N. J.; Olive bapt. 31 Aug. 1696, & m. James Beers. John Buckley 1. died about 1707.

JOSEPH 1., s. of Thomas Buckley 1. m. first Elizabeth d. of John Knowles of F. & second, Martha d. of James Beers, & had Thomas, Daniel, John; Joseph b. 9 May 1682; Peter b. 21. May 1684; Sarah bapt. 23 Sept. 1694 & m. Joshua Jennings 2.; Gershom 13 Sept. 1696; & John 22. March 1701[2]. Joseph Buckley 1. died intestate about 1720.

* Shattuck's Hist. Concord p. 157.

† Elements of Heraldry, by William A. Whitmore pp. 57, 58.

JOSEPH 2., s. of Joseph Buckley 1. m. Esther d. of Joseph Hill. Their children were Joseph bapt. 9. March 1711[12]; Esther 20. Dec. 1713; Nathan 19. Jan 1717[18], (who was the Town Recorder, & who occupied his father's homestead at the time F. was burned in 1779); Joseph 22. Nov. 1719; Samuel 6. March 1725[6]; Sarah 23. Feb. 1728[9]; Ebenezer 5. Dec 1731.

DANIEL s. of Joseph Buckley 1. m. —— d. of ——. Their children were Daniel b. 15 June 1718; Jabez 28. Feb 1719[20]; Martha 2. July 1721; Nehimiah 15 Nov. 1724; Jabez 16 March 1729.

DR. PETER, the youngest s. of the Rev. Peter Buckley did not settle at F. until some time after his brothers. He probably m. Margaret Foxcroft of Boston, as in a record in A. of T. D. he sold to the heirs of Francis Foxcroft all interest he and his wife had in said Foxcroft's house in Boston, for 90£. Francis Foxcroft is said to have been a s. of Daniel Foxcroft, mayor of Leeds, in Co. York, & his second wife was Eliza d. of Gov. Danford. Dr. Peter Buckley was an apothecary as well as a physician in F. He left but a small estate. His will is dated 25. March 1691, in which he calls himself "in the 49. year of his age," mentions s. Peter (b. 1683) then seven, & a quarter years old, who upon arriving at a suitable age, he willed should be bound to James Bennet jr. until of age, to be taught "the art of weaving both linen & woolen, to ye best of his capacity." He mentions d's Grace, Margaret & Hannah Sherman. His brother Rev. Dr. Gershom Buckley of Weathersfield, mentions two other children of Dr. Peter Buckley's viz: Gershom & Dorothy.

GERSHOM s. of Dr. Peter Buckley 1. of F. m. —— d. of ——. Their children were Eunice bapt. 4. Jan. 1701[2]; Rachel 23, March 1706[7]; Gershom 27 March 1709; Grace 27. May 1711; Hezekiah 29. Nov 1713; Peter 5. Feb. 1715[16]; Jonathan 18. May 1718; Grace 12. Feb. 1720[21]; Talcott 23. Aug. 1724.

PETER 2. s. of Dr. Peter Buckley 1. of F. m. Hannah d. of John Buckley 1. Their children were David & Peter jr bapt. 9 March 1711[12]; Sarah 14. Dec 1712: Sarah 29. Nov 1713; Peter 9. Oct 1715; Andrew 6. Oct. 1717; Gershom 13. Aug. 1721; Jabez 4. Oct 1723; Olive —— July 1725; Hannah 16. Oct 1726; Moses 9. July 1727; Abigail 13. April 1729; James 3. Aug 1729; Mary 17. Oct 1731; Jonathan 24. Sept. 1732. T. P. Rec.

BURR

BURRE or BURR—JEHUE BURRE probably came in the fleet with Gov. Winthrop to New England. On the 19. Oct. 1630 he applied to the Gen. Court of Mass. for the rights of a freeman, & was admitted 18. May 1631. In 1633 he was one of a committee to over-see building a bridge over Muddy & Stony river, between Boston & Roxbury. His name & that of a wife is mentioned in 1635, as among the church members of Roxbury, Mass. He was one of the pioneers of Springfield or Agawam, who with Wm. Pynchon, Wm. Smith & six other young men "of good spirits & sound bodies," founded that town in 1636. On the 9, of Feb. 1637, he was appointed by the Gen. Court of Conn. to collect taxes at Agawam, (which at that time was under the jurisdiction of Connecticut), to assist in defraying the expenses of the Pequot war. Savage says he removed to Fairfield in 1640, & represented the town in 1641. He was granted a home-lot from the town s. w. of the Meeting-house Green & the pond, afterwards called Edward's Pond, the rear of which adjoined the home-lot of the Rev. John Jones. He was a deputy to the Gen. Court in September of 1645, & also in 1646. It is difficult to state when he died; some writers say about 1650, while others place his death at a later date. The probability is, that he is the same Mr. Jehue Burre who appealed a jury verdict given in Stratford in 1651, to the Gen. Court at Hartford the same year; was a grand juror in 1660, a commissioner of the United Colonies in 1664; & died before 1670. He left four sons Jehu, John, Daniel & Nathaniel, & probably other children. No mention is made who his wife was, or of her death.

In a record of Sergt. Nehemiah Olmstead's lands, who died before 1671, is mentioned the

fact, that said Olmstead "before he died, did purchase land of his brother-in-law Jehue Burre.* It is possible that Jehue Burre Sr. may have married an older sister of said Olmstead; but the probability is that Olmstead, who, at the time of his father's death in 1640, was a minor; & came to Fairfield in or before 1650, married Elizabeth daughter of the above Jehue Burre Sr. John Cable Sr. who died in 1682, in his will mentions his kinsman Jehu & John Burr, who were no doubt cousins. The wife of Jehue Burre Sr. therefore may have been a sister of John Cable.

JEHU BURR 2nd probably born in England, 1st m. Mary d. of Andrew Ward, by whom he had several children; & 2d m. Esther widow of Joseph Boosy of Westchester, by whom he had other children. He became one of the most influential men in the town & colony; was a Capt. in Philip's war, a commissioner of the United Colonies, & held offices of the highest trust & power. He died in 1692. He lived in the family homestead, having in 1671 pur. his brother John's interest in the house & home-lot of their father. In 1673, he pur. the next lot west of this. In his will dated 7, Jan. 1689, he mentions wife Esther, for whom he amply provides, gives to s. Daniel 11 acres at the rocks & a long lot pur. of Rev. John Jones; to ss. Peter & Samuel his land & housing, Peter to pay Samuel 50£ in provision pay when of age; divides all commonage equally between ss. Daniel, Peter & Samuel; mentions d. Esther having rec. her portion, other ds. Elizabeth, Sarah, Joanna & Abigail minors to rec. their portion at 18 years of age, & to his granddaughter, only child of his deceased d. Mary 20£. as her mother's dower, to be held in trust by her father Capt. Samuel Wakeman, until she became of age.

PETER BURR s. of Jehu 2. graduated at Harvard College in 1690, taught school a few years, & became a noted Judge of the Supreme Court. He is called in the parish records the "Worshipful Mr. Peter Burr." He m. —— in Boston & a 2d wife in F. the widow of Jonathan Sturges & d. in 1724 or 5. His children were Thaddeus bapt. 8, Sept. 1700; Abigail 25, Oct, 1702; Gershom 6, May 1705; Sarah 14. Dec 1707, & Eunice 2. July 1710. His wid. m. the Hon. Jonathan Laws. of Milford, Conn.

JOHN BURR s. of Jehue 1. probably born in England, was made a freeman of Conn. Oct 1664, & became a prominent man, & died in 1694. He lived on the s. w. side of the street opposite Henry Rowland's house† on the Frost Square. His will is dated 19. March 1694, in which he mentions w. Sarah (d. of his father-in-law Fitch, but gives no clue to said Fitche's christian name, or residence.) whom he left "a suitable & honorable maintenance" & "the use of his silver bowl," during her life, or while she remained his widow. To his son John Burr he left his house & barn, formerly Stricklands & Pinckney's, & 3 & ¾ acres "next adjoining, near the Old field gate"; 10 acres in the home-meadow; swamp & reeds at the beach; Paul's neck div.; front of Mill-hill div.; lot near Applegate's; 12 acres on Sascoe-hill; ½ long-lot after David had received 80 acres on the front of said long-lot, he allowing a suitable highway of 2 rods through said land; & ½ his Perpetual Common. To s. Samuel Burr, the farm in the woods granted him by the General Court, & 40 £. for his education, to be taken out of the whole estate for a college course of four years. To s. Jonathan, a minor, land in the new field; meadow in Sascoe-neck; the middle div. of land on Mill-hill; ½ of his long-lot & ¼ of his Perpetual Common. To David, a minor, home-lot pur. of John Cable; the swamp & rear div. of land at Mill-hill; land in Sascoe-field; the remainder of his long-lot; 2nd div. at Compo, & ¼ of all commons. To his ds. Mary & Deborah minors, 100 £. at the age of 18 or marriage. Mentions d. Sarah having received her portion. The date of his children's births were, John b. 2. May 1673, (Sarah 25. July 1675), David ——, Joseph b. 21. June 1677. Samuel 2. April 1679. Jonathan ——. Ebenezer 7. Feb. 1681. Mary 19. Aug. 1683, + Deborah. Sarah m. 29. June 1692 Rev. Charles Chauncey of Fairfield Village. Samuel graduated at Harvard College in 1697, & was master of the Grammar School in Charlestown, Mass., about twelve years. He died 7. Aug 1719, & his tomb-stone is in the old Fairfield Burial Hill Cemetery.

* A. Town Deeds p. 243.

† At the present date, 1888, occupied by Wallace Bulkley.

NATHANIEL BURR s. of Jehue 1. was made a freeman in 1664, & first m. Sarah d. of Andrew Ward, by whom he had Sarah & Nathaniel. He pur. 12. Feb. 1659, the home-lot house &c., on the Ludlow Square of Richard Lyon, bounded n. e. by his brother Daniel Burr, who on the 15. March 1668[9] pur. Andrew Ward's house & home-lot, bounded n. e. by Major Nathan Gold's homestead. This place on the Ludlow Square remained in the Burr family until after the Revolution. His second wife was Ann d. of Dr. James Laborie. He died 22. Feb. 1712. His will is dated 22. Nov. 1711, in which he mentions wife Ann; ss. John & Daniel, ds. Abigail wife of John Wheeler m. 22. March 1693; Esther w. of John Sloss a merchant; Ann w. of Gideon Allen m. 20. Jan. 1696; Rebecca w. of Capt. Samuel Sherwood m. 30. Nov. 1704; d. Mary w. of Dr. James Laborie; & the four grandchildren of his dec. s. Nathaniel. His son Col. John Burr settled in Pequannock & owned a farm on the turnpike n. w. of the New York, Hartford & New Haven R.R., inclosing the grand, old oak tree, which is said to have been the council canopy of the English & Indians in the sale of Indian lands. Alas! this tree fell in a severe storm in 1884, all its boughs having died long before; but each spring until it fell, it put forth around its trunk twigs & green leaves.

The children of John & Esther Sloss were Anne bapt. 6. June 1703; Sarah 14. March 1707[8]; Ellen 1. Oct. 1710; Deborah 22. March 1712[13]. Mrs. Esther Sloss renewed covenant at F. 6. June 1703.

DANIEL S. OF JEHUE 1. a merchant in Fairfield, was made a freeman in 1668, & soon after m. Abigail d. of Henry Glover of New Haven, by whom he had Daniel b. 30 July 1670, Abigail 4. March 1671[2], Ellen 26. Oct 1680, (Town Records) & probably others. Both he & his wife were living in 1692 when on the 16. Sept. he made over to the trustees of his father-in-law's estate, certain lands in Fairfield for the use of 30 £, in silver money, left in trust to his wife Abigail by her father. She must have died soon after. His 2. wife was Eleanor d. of —— by whom he probably had Seth & Samuel b. 19 Aug. 1694, & called in Fairfield Parish Records, sons of Mr. Daniel Burr sr. His wife Eleanor presented an inventory of his estate 1695, showing that he had died about that time.

DANIEL S. OF JEHU BURR 2. lived at Greenfield, Aspetuck River, & was called Daniel Burr of Upper Meadow. He was given by his father 19. Dec 1687, twelve acres of land at the Upper Meadow, with a house & barn thereon, on the east side of the Mill-river. His first wife was Hannah d of John Banks 1. by whom he had s. Daniel, mentioned in his grandfather John Banks' will, dat: 12. Jan 1684[5]; & d. Hannah. His second wife was Mary Sherwood, by whom he had s. Jehu & d. Mary (Greenfield Parish Records). His third wife was Elizabeth d. of ——, by whom he had Elizabeth bapt. 20. Sept. 1696; Stephen 3. Oct. 1697; Peter 23. July 1699; Jane 27. April 1701; Esther 31. Jan 1702[3]; Nathaniel 1. June 1707; David 1. Jan 1709[10]; Moses 28. March 1714, & Aaron 4. March 1715[16]. (Fairfield Parish Records.) In his will dated 1. Jan 1719[20] he mentions w. Elizabeth, his oldest s. Jehu, ss. Stephen, Peter, David, Moses & Aaron. The three latter were minors, & his ds. Hannah, & Mary w. of —— Wheeler; Elizabeth w. of —— Hull; Jane & Esther. In the inventory of his estate dated 14. July 1727, Jane is called the wife of —— Sherwood. His estate was large, his eldest son receiving over 1,000 £. & each of his other children 545 £. MOSES BURR graduated at Yale College in 1734.

REV. AARON BURR S. of Daniel of Upper Meadow b. at Greenfield 4. Jan 1716, & bapt. in F. C. 4, March following; graduated at Yale College 1735; & entered into full Communion with the G. H. C. C. Aug 3, the same year. He studied for the ministry, was a man of distinguished ability, & was first settled in Newark N. J., where he taught a flourishing school, until called to be the President of Princeton College. He d. Sept. 24. 1757. aged 42. Upon settling at Newark he sold the homestead at Upper Meadow to two cousins, each named Joseph Bradley 3. April 1738, one of whom was the great grand father of Justice Joseph P. Bradley of the U. S. Supreme Court. He m. Esther d. of Rev. Jonathan Edwards of New Haven, by whom he had two children

Sarah & Aaron. Sarah m. the Honorable Tappan Reeves of Litchfield, & had but one child named Aaron Burr Reeves, who d. "says Hinman, at Troy N. Y., & left no issue now living." The son Col. Aaron Burr became the distinguished politician, & a leading spirit in the political changes of the country in 1800, at which time he was chosen the third Vice President of the United States. He m. Mrs. Provost, the wid. of a British officer 2 July 1782. and had one only child, named Theodosia b. in 1783 a beautiful and accomplished daughter who married the Hon. Joseph Alston of S. C. On her way from the South to visit her father in 1812 she was drowned at sea, & by many believed to have been murdered by pirates, a fate her father was never willing to credit.

CABELL

JOHN CABELL 1. was in Mass. in 1631, & was one of the petitioners to the Gen. Ct. in 1635 for liberty to remove to the Connecticut River. Hinman says he was in Springfield in 1636 (See Sprague), & probably accompanied, or soon followed the Burrs to F. In 1652 he assisted in capturing a Dutch vessel off the coast of F., & was awarded 5£ by the Gen. Ct. of Conn. He was a seaman, & perhaps a sea captain. He was made a freeman in 1669. In his will of 4 April 1682 he mentions his grand-son John Cabell; grandson John Knowles; w. Ann who was his second wife, & widow of Roger Betts of Bradford, Ct. He appointed his kinsman Jehue & John Burr over-seers of his estate.—F. Prob. Rec.

Hinman thinks his s. John Cable, was of Hartford where he died 8. Dec. 1708. aged 58 years; & where he found that "he was born in the City of Stugand or Stuttgart, in high Germany on the Rhine." He was in F. for a time, where he was made a freeman 10. Oct. 1669. There is a tradition in the Burr family, that Jehue Burr was of German descent; & the above statement may give some clue to their birth-place, which has as yet never been discovered. Savage's says he died at F. in 1673, & could not have been the John of Hartford. May they not have been brothers as in the case of the two Samuel Hubbells & Thomas Wheeler? His d. Sarah Cable m. Robert Churchill of F., & his widow m. Thomas Sherwood.

JOHN CABLE 2. wife Abigail & children George, Jonathan, John, Andrew, Daniel, Isaac, Mary wife of —— Patchin, & Abigail.

JOHN CABLE 3. m. Anne Laborie, d. of Dr. James Laborie 2. of Stratford. His children were probably bapt. in the Episcopal Church, but part of their children are recorded in the G. H. Par. Rec.; bapt. as adults, & were Elizabeth bapt. 23. Nov. 1746; & Anna 19. Dec. 1750.

DANIEL CABLE, probably s. of John 3. m. —— d. of ———— Their children were Hezekiah bapt. —— 1744; Daniel 13. July 1746; & Sarah 23. April 1749. G. H. Par. Rec. Some of the Cables lived at Green's Farms.

THE COLEY FAMILY

THE name of Samuel Coole appears in the list of those who took the oath of a freeman in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, on the 18. of May 1631. [See Mass. Col. Rec. Vol. 1. p. 366]. The name is sometimes spelled Cooley, Coley, & Coly.

The name of Samuel Coley is found among the first settlers of Milford, where he was made a freeman Nov. 20, 1639. He joined the church in 1640. He married Ann, d. of James Pruden of Milford. Their children were, Peter, bapt. 1641, Abilene, 1643, Samuel 1646, Sarah 1648, Mary 1651, Hannah 1654 & Thomas 1657. Samuel Coley died Oct 3, 1684. His will dated 1678, & that of his widow dated 1689. mentions the same seven children. Abilene married Japhet Chapin; Sarah m. a Baldwin; Mary m. 1. Peter Simson, & 2. John Stream. Hannah m. Joseph Garnsey; Thomas m. Martha d. of John Stream (Savage). Samuel m. Mary Carles Oct 21. 1669. The name is spelled in the Milford records Coley & Coly. Coley has 3 coats of Arms; Coley or Collay 1; Cooley 1; Collay or Colley 1; Colle 1; Colle or Coulee 1; Collie, Colley or Cooling 1; Cooley 1. [Hinman's Cat'l.]

Peter Coley 1. s. of the above Samuel 1. was bapt. at Milford in 1641 & settled at F., where he was made a freeman Oct 31. 1664. His name also appears in the list of freemen from F. in 1669. He m. Sarah d. of Humphrey Hide, by whom he had Samuel, Sarah, Peter & Mary, (See will of Humphrey Hide), to whom sd. Humphrey left "one half of his home-lot in the rear next the rocks." In the settlement of the estate of Simon Couch 1. of Bankside, who died in 1689, Peter Coley acknowledges the receipt of fifty pounds, being the legacy left to his "*now wife*, Hannah" (meaning his present wife) the daughter of Simon Couch sr. who was a minor when her father died. [Fairfield Town Records Book 2. p. 80.] By his second wife, he had Elizabeth & Hannah, & perhaps others. He died at Fairfield in 1690. In the inventory of his estate, Savage calls Sarah 22 years of age; Ann 16; Mary 13; Elizabeth 8, Hannah 6 & Peter, whose years are not told. The order in which Humphrey Hide mentions them in his will, is probably the correct one.

It is not singular that the name of Samuel does not appear in his father's will, as it frequently happened in those days, that the oldest son received his portion when he came of age. Peter, the second son, who is mentioned in his grandfather Humphrey Hide's will before his sister Mary, must have been about fifteen years of age when sd Humphrey Hide died.

The name of Peter Coley first appears on the town records Aug 6. 1662, at which date at a town meeting it was voted: "that a strip of land, adjoining Humphrey Hide's land, should be granted to Peter Coley to build a shop upon, to be 14 ft. one way & 18 ft. the other way." On the 15. of Dec. 1665 it was voted: "that Peter Coley be chosen to seal ye waits & measures of the town; also to be sworn packer of meats for the town." This was a high office of trust in those days, & equal to the position of a bank president. The seal of the town & his signature being required upon each weight & measure, & upon all barrels of packed meat & pork, before they passed into the general market, as the legal tender of the town of F. On the 15. of March 1668 Peter Coley was granted "a rod of land in front of Humphrey Hide's home-lot, to build a shop on." In 1669 he was granted one home-lot of three acres more or less. He was one of the land dividend holders of the town, & owned one of the long-lots.

Samuel Coley, 2 s. of the above Peter Coley 1. & Sarah Hide, was born at Fairfield about the year 1665 or 1666. He m. Esther ——. Their children were bapt. at F. as follows: Daniel bapt. 2. Sept. 1695; Jeremiah & Abigail 2. Jan 1695/6; Esther 15. Aug. 1703. His second wife was Mary —— who was bapt. 28. Nov. 1703. Their children were Samuel & Mary bapt. 5. Dec. 1703; John 17 March, 1705/6 & Annie 1. Aug. 1709. F. P. R.

Peter 2. s. of Peter Coley 1. was b. 12. June 1671; Ann 13. Jan. 1673; Mercey 23 April, 1677; Elizabeth 1. Dec. 1680. F. T. Rec.

PETER COLEY 3. s. of Peter 2. m. Hannah Couch of Bankside. Their children were: Hannah bapt. 4. Aug. 1700; Peter 30. Aug. 1702; Simon 30. Jan. 1704; Elizabeth 24. March 1706; Andrew 25. July 1708; Ebenezer 8. Oct. 1710; who introduces his father's name in the church Rec. as Sergt. Peter Coley; Ebenezer 4. March 1712; David 13. March 1715; Jonathan 30. Jan. 1717; Mary 18. Jan. 1721. F. Par. Rec.

The name of William Cooley appears in the Mass. Col. Rec. as early as March 1634. The same name is found in New London in 1664, at which time he applies for admission to that town (Hinman.) He was at Southold L. I. 1663. with Robt. Bartlet & George Tongue, trading off their "ineons & wampum for Rum." (Caulkin.) Again the name of William Cooley appears in the F. Church Rec., where he renewed Covenant June 2. 1695.

COUCH

"One of the most fertile roots of nomenclature was the simple road-side cross. The latter old English form, is still found lingering in our crutched or crouched Friars. Langland describes a pilgrim as having many a crouche on his cloake: i. e. many a mark of the cross embroidered thereon. A dweller by these way-side crucifixes, would easily get the soubriquet therefrom, &

thus we find atte Crouch to be of early occurrence." (Bardsley's English Surnames). A traveler abroad frequently meets with the way-side crucifix, before which the passer-by kneels in silent prayer to the living Christ in Heaven. It was often the case that these crucifixes were raised on the border of a spring of water, so that the passer-by could refresh himself with a cup of cold water. It was from living near one of these road-side crosses, that the Crouch, or Couch family derived their names.

SIMON CROUCH, or Couch 1. was made a freeman of F. 13. Oct 1664. He was no doubt closely related to Thomas Couch of Weathersfield, & to Samuel Couch of Milford. He may have been one of the traditional three brothers. He m. Mary d. of Francis Andrews of Bankside. He with John Andrews purchased of the heirs of his father-in-law, most of their interest in their father's estate. He purchased of his mother-in-law Anna Andrews 6. March 1663, all her interest in the housing & lands of her deceased husband. His home-lot of nine acres was bounded on the east with John Green's home-lot ; n. John Andrews ; w. commons, & s. w. high-way. He became a large land-holder in Green's Farms ; & for several years he with John Andrews carried on a law-suit against the town of F. to recover lands, claimed by right of purchase from the Indians, before Bankside was made a part of the town of F. He owned a part of the first long-lot next the Norwalk bounds. In his will of 22. Dec. 1687, which was probated in 1689, he gave to his eldest s. Thomas several acres of land in Green's Farms, his short gun & cutlass, & hatter's tools ; to his second s. Simon his homestead, except three acres of the home-lot ; his gun called the "crooke" & short cutlass ; to s. Samuel several pieces of land, & the three acres reserved in his home-lot in the n. w. end of it ; & a gun ; to his brother's s. Thomas Couch, 40^{s}., & to his brother's d. living at John Grummans 20^{s}. ; & to Susannah Couch, living at Milford 20^{s}. The rest of his land he divided equally among his sons ; to his two eldest ds. Mary & Martha he gave 50 £. each when of age, & to ds. Sarah & Hannah 50 £. at eighteen. He caused his sons to provide a fixed & ample allowance yearly for their mother. He was buried in land belonging to him at Frost Point looking out upon the sound, which he had set apart as a family burial place, & which was long known as the Couch Burial Hill. This spot could be pointed out until within the last few years, but now almost every trace of the tombs & graves have been obliterated. It lay west of the present Phipps Green. His d. Mary m. John Grumman. Hannah m. Peter Coley, & Martha m. Abraham Finch. His s. Thomas sailed for England in 1689 ; & made his will of 8. April the same year, in which he gave his mother the use of his lands during her widowhood, & at her death to his brother Simon's eldest son, & if he had no son, to his brother Samuel's eldest son. His will was probated 2. Dec. 1691. The seal contains a small rustic cross, very nicely engraved upon it. The tradition in the family is, that the vessel in which he sailed for England, was taken by the French & his fate was never known. Mary the widow of Simon Couch died in 1691, & the use of the land left her by her s. Thomas, fell to the eldest son of her s. Samuel.

SIMON 2. s. of Simon Couch 1. m. Abigail d. of John Sturgis 1. He was a prominent man in Green's Farms, & active in its political, ecclesiastical & school interests. He continued the claim of his father & the other Bankside farmers to the land which the town of F. agreed 29. June 1666 to allow them, when they consented to become a part of the township. This claim was settled by a committee appt. 6. Aug. 1705, consisting of John Curtis Esqr. of Stratford, John Hawley of Stratford, & John Read of F. for the Bankside farmers ; & to Judge Peter Burr, & Capt. John Wakeman for the town. On the 1. of March 1706 Lieut. Joseph Wakeman & Robert Silliman "were appointed by the town to lay out to Simon & Samuel Couch the 15 acres as the claim awarded them by John Curtis, John Wakeman, John Read & Lieut. John Hawley." The other claimants were the heirs of John Green, Daniel Frost & Thomas Newton. Some fresh trouble arising in regard to this claim, the final settlement was not made until the 17. Sept. 1719. He purchased 19. March 1696 his brother Samuel's interest in the family homestead, with other inter-

est of said Samuel's. On the 5. of May 1703 the division line between Norwalk and Fairfield, having cut off several acres of his father's long-lot, the town of F. allowed him in exchange for his interest in sd long-lot, 28 acres on Turkey Hill. His children were Abigail b. 31. Jan. 1694; Thomas 9. June 1695; Simon 6. July 1697; Hannah 30. Aug 1699; Sarah 30. March 1706; Isabelle 17. Sept. 1708; & Deborah 30. March 1710. He died early in 1713. His will of 2. of March 1712[13], was probated the 7. of April following. In it he appointed his wife Abigail & his brother-in-law Jonathan Sturgis executors, but the latter refused to act, & the widow took up the trust. To his wife Abigail he gave ⅓ of his housing & movable estate, his negro man Jack & negro girl Jenne; to s. Thomas he gave 30 £ value in his estate, having deducted from his share the care he had taken of the land left him by his Uncle Thomas. The remainder of his estate at Green's Farms, he gave to his s. Simon with his housing &c. & to his five daughters, only Simon was to receive twice as much as his sisters, who were each to have equal portions. If Simon died before reaching the age of 21., he entailed his portion to his brother Samuel. He gave his 200 acres of land "lying between Fairfield & Danbury, now known as Couch Hill, equally between his two sons. To his slave Antony he gave 30 acres at the upper end of his 200 acres, provided he served his mistress until of age."

THOMAS 2. s. of the above Simon Couch 2. settled at Green's Farms & m. Sarah d. of Gideon Allen 7. Dec. 1721. Their children were Sarah b: 1. Dec 1723; Thomas 28. Nov. 1725; (F. T. Rec.) s. Thomas again & Simon. In his will of 6. Dec. 1735 he gave his estate to his wife Sarah & ds Sarah & Ann, & to his wife his slave Jenny; to his s. Thomas his negro boy Frank, & all his estate lying in F., except his bridge-hill-lot, bounded n. by Edward Jessup's home-lot; & one half of his right in the commons & undivided land in F., to s. Simon his bridge-hill-lot, his farm at Reading, his negro boy Quass & one half of his right in the commons & undivided land. He also divided between his sons Thomas & Simon his land in New Fairfield. His s. Simon m. Abigail d. of Joshua Jennings of Green's Farms 18. May 1721. His d. Sarah m. John Andrews 2. 28. Oct. 1730.

SAMUEL 1. s. of Simon Couch 1. was Capt. of militia, & was one of the richest & most influential citizens of F. In 1696 he purchased of James Newton on Bridge Hill, 28 acres of land, & in 1701 he was granted by the town 26 acres at Port Royal in exchange for his share of his father's long-lot. He also purchased of Chicken, Sagamore of the Aspetuck Indians, a large tract of land lying in Reading. He m. Edera d. of ——. His d. Hannah m. 4. Nov. 1724 Samuel Osborn. He died in 1741, & as he failed to mention an executor in his will, the F. Prob. Ct appointed Edmund Lewis of Stratford, Thomas Nash & Christopher Godfree of Green's Farms, to divide his estate according to his will. They made returns of 190£ to each heir to the Probate Court at F. 21. Jan. 1741[2] as follows: to Samuel Couch 21 acres on the s. end of his long-lot, on the w. side of the Norwalk road leading to Danbury, 140 acres on the e. side of Umpawage River, & 62½ acres by Crowfoot's. To Edra w. of —— Frost 21 acres of the long-lot above Samuel's share, & the remaining half of the Umpawage lot. To Benjamin Couch 21 acres of the long lot above Edra Frost's & 2 acres on the n. end of the lot at Couche's farm, 62½ on the n. end of the lot on the e. side of Couche's farm. bounded e. by the Newton line, & 1½ acres by Crowfoot's. To Mary w. of Elijah Crane 26 acres on the n. end of the long-lot, bounded n. by the Danbury line; 5 acres across the s. end of the lot e. of Couche's farm on the Newton line. To Elizabeth w. of —— Todd 30 acres, one half of the e. side of a lot on the w. end of Picket's Ridge; 69½ acres of a lot on the e. side of Umpawage Hill. To Solomon Couch the remaining 30 acres of Picket's Ridge & 64 acres on the s. side of said Picket's Ridge, bounded s. by Mecker's farm & the highway at the rear of F. town bounds. To Eunice w. of Ruben Taylor 53½ acres of the bog-meadow lot, & 36 acres across the s. end of said lot. on the side of the n. w. lot. To Abigail w. of —— Hibberd 12 acres across the s. end of the bog meadow lot; & 138 acres on the lot lying off the s. end of Umpawage Hill, bounded w. by the Ridgefield line. In his will Samuel Couch gave his s.

Solomon all his homestead lands, except 10 acres with the buildings thereon &c. To his s. John Couch he gave 10 acres of his homestead land & other lands. To Ebenezer he gave 20 acres of land in Reading on the e. side of the road, leading from Norwalk to Danbury, at the head line of F. township, & 100 acres next to the Umpawage hill. He made provisions for the completion of his son John's education at College. John lived at Reading a short time, & then settled at Great Barrington. Benjamin settled in Naugatuck.

The Couch family have to this day been prominent men in the town & county of Fairfield. From Thomas Couch of Reading descended his grandson (s. of his s. Jonathan) Major General Darius N. Couch who bravely distinguished himself in the late War of the Rebellion, & who at the present time resides in Norwalk, Conn. Judge Jessup Couch of Chillicothe, Ohio was a s. of Simon Couch of Umpawage Hill, Reading, & was named after his uncle Thomas Couche's wife Elizabeth's father Edward Jessup of Green's Farm.* He graduated at Yale College in 1802. He began the practice of law in Ohio in 1804, & in 1815 was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of that State. He was aide-de-camp in the war of 1812 to Gov. Meigs of Ohio.

From a manuscript now in the possession of Edwin Sherwood Esq[r] of Southport, Ct. the following tradition is found. Thomas & Simon Couch ran away from England & secreting themselves on board a vessel, sailed for America. They landed at New Haven, & "holding up a stick let it fall to direct them. Thomas went eastward & Samuel to the westward as far as Green's Farms." He settled at Bridge Hill, & soon became an Inn-keeper. Thomas his son, received the best education the times could afford, & their father dying while Simon & Samuel were minors, Thomas was sent by them to England, to recover a large inheritance which had three heads to the family. But as at that time France & England were at war, Thomas was taken prisoner at sea, carried to France, & never heard from afterwards. His brother Simon settled on Bridge Hill, & Samuel settled on Benjamin's Hill &c. This tradition throws light at once upon Thomas Couch who settled at Weathersfield, where he m. Rebecca d. of ———— 22. Nov. 1666. His children were Susannah b. 12. Oct 1667; Simon 11. Dec 1669; Rebecca 16. Feb. 1672; & others. His w. d. 1. March 1672. & he d. in 1687. in which year his second wife presented the inventory of his estate & the ages of his children, which were as follows: Hannah 13; Thomas 12; Mary 11; Sarah 8; Abigail 6; & Martha 3. (Hinman's Puritan Settlers.) His s. Thomas was probably the nephew, which the first Simon Couch of Bankside mentions in his will; his d. Sarah living at Grummans & d. Susannah living at Milford, whom he calls his cousin is niece.

Samuel Couch, probably nearly connected with Thomas & Simon of Weathersfield & Fairfield, settled at Milford, & m. an Indian woman named Pity (widow of one Charles Deal†), who, having no relations bequeathed him by will a house in Milford of 1½ acres on an Island named Milford or Charle's Island containing about 12 acres, bounded all around by the sea. He appears to have m. again, as his widow Mary offered his will in June of 1693 for probate in New Haven. In this will he gave his estate to his w. Mary & his d. Elizabeth Couch of St. Mary Ottary, in Devonshire old England; & "if she came not to this country to Nathaniel Elles, son of Capt. Samuel Elles of Hingham." Milford T. & Prob. Rec. This valuable will gives the birthplace of the Couch family.

DENNY

ALBERT DENNIE, or Denny m. Elizabeth d. of the Rev. Samuel Wakeman. Their children were John, bapt. 7. Oct. 1694; Grizzel 28. Feb. 1696[1], who m. Rev. Daniel Chapman of Green's Farms; Margaret 30. April 1696; Annabel 30. Nov. 1701; James 14. March 1702[3]. F. Par. Rec.

* Thomas s. of Thomas Couch & Elizabeth d. of Edward Jessup were m. 26. Feb. 1749/50. F. T. Rec.

† Charles Deal was granted liberty to purchase this Island "that was Richard Bryans," with the building upon it provided he used it only as a tobacco house. He was not to lease or sell it without the approbation of the town; "or—to any order—or sell to the Indians, English or Dutch, nor suffer disorderly persons or seamen on the Island."—Milford Rec. Vol. 3. p. 43.

JOHN 1. s. of Albert Denny 1. m. —— d. of ——— Their children were John bapt. 4. March 1716; Mary 11. Dec. 1717; Grizzel 18. Feb. 1720; Sarah 2. May 1725; William 23. Oct. 1726; Thomas 5. May 1728 & Thomas again 11. Oct. 1730; Abigail — April 1733. F. Par. Rec.

DIMOND

THOMAS DEMONT 1., DEMOND or DIMOND settled at Pequonnock, & owned the homestead of James Bennet. He was a mariner, & his vessel & cargo, Savage says, was destroyed by fire. He was the owner of a bark of 12 tons, so say the F. T. Rec., in Oct. 1658. He died in the latter part of 1658, leaving a young son John, who was apprenticed to Major Gold until of age, & thus became a member of his family. Another brother Thomas was apprenticed to Dr. Wm. Ward until of age. There was also a third son Moses. The name is spelled in various ways, but his sons spelled it Dymond Demon & Dimond. It was vulgarly pronounced Deming & Demmond. I find no mention of his wife. T. Rec.

JOHN DYMOND settled at New London & m. Rebecca d. of James Bemis of that place, who first m. Tobias Minter of Newfoundland 1. April 1672.; second John Dymond of Fairfield 17. June 1674; & third Benedict Satterlee of Killingworth 2. Aug. 1682. Mrs. Sarah Bemis, the mother of Mrs. John Deymond, was m. the second time to Edward Griswold of Killingworth. Sav. Gen. Dic.

THOMAS DIMOND 2. was a mariner & settled at New London. He m. 22. Sept; 1670 Elizabeth d. of Peter Bradley. His children were: Elizabeth b. 14. Aug. 1672; Thomas 22. July 1675; Moses 14. May 1677; Ruth 12. Sept. 1680; & John 25. July 1686. He died in 1687. Savage's Gen. Dic.

MOSES DIMOND 1. settled at F. & pur. 1670 of John Purdy of Westchester, the Purdy homestead on the Frost Square, which remained in the Dimond family for many years. He m. Abigail d. of —— Their children were Moses, Hester, Grace, also Abigail b. 20. Aug. 1676; Thomas 15. Sept. 1678. His will is dated 21. March 1683. The inventory of his estate valued at 793£, was taken 16. April 1684, about which time he died. He apt. his loving brethren John Burr & Samuel Ward, overseers of his will. F. T. Rec.

MOSES DIMOND 2. settled at F. & m. ——— d. of —— Their children were: Moses b. 17 April 1698; John 17. Nov. 1700; Thomas 29. Aug. 1703; Ebenezer 18. March 1704-5; Abigail 17. Aug. 1707; David 20. Nov. 1709; (in which yr. the father is called Lieut.): Damaris 24. Aug. 1712; (this yr. the father is called Capt.), & Damaris again 31. Oct. 1714. F. Par. Rec.

CAPT. MOSES DIMON 3. was born 4. April 1698, & settled at Greenfield. His w. was Hannah Gilburt b. 29. Dec. 1700. They were m. 27. April 1721. He was one of the first deacons of the Greenfield church in 1726. Their children were: +Jane b. 11. Aug 1722; +Sarah 16 July 1724; +David 5 July 1726; Sarah 6. May 1728; +Hannah 20. April 1730; ×Hannah 15. April 1731; ×Hannah 24. May 1733; Moses 2. March 1734-5; Jonathan 25. April 1738; Dameris 23. March +1744-5; +Abigail 4 June 1749 & died soon after. Sarah, Moses, Jonathan & Dameris were the only survivors of the eleven children. G. Par. Rec.

FANTON

JONATHAN FANTON m. first Sarah d. of Humphrey Hide 1. & second. Sarah the widow of Peter Coley 1. Their children were Sarah bapt. 18. Nov 1694; Ellen 17. May 1696; Anne 14. Aug 1698; Jonathan 22. Sept 1700; Mary 2. May 1703; John 5. Jan 1706-7; John again 10. Oct 1708. F. Par. Rec.

JOHN 1. s. of Jonathan Fanton 1. b. 22. Aug. 1709. m. Mary d. of —— Rowland 28. Oct. 1732. Their children were Hannah b. 15. July 1735; Abigail 15. Feb 1736-7; Jonathan 2. Nov. 1738; Anne 2. Nov. 1740; Hezekiah 28. Oct. 1743; John — Jan. 1745 6; Mary b. — 1751; a child not named bapt. —— 1753. G. H. Par. Rec.

FROST

WILLIAM FROST 1. settled at F. in 1639. His home-lot lay on the s. w. of the school & church division of the Meeting-house Green. He was an old man when he came to F. of whom Lechford in his Plain Dealing, mentions with compassion, & states that he was from Nottingham England. He was evidently a man of good family, who from his religious principles, & perhaps to escape persecution, had sought to end his days peacefully in New England: He died in 1645. In his will dated 6 Jan. 1644^{5}, he gives to his eldest son Daniel 2 parts of his upland & meadow, interest in Reed Swamps & Ponds, 15 acres of meadow pur. of John Gray at Munchunchosor-Sasqug, & his cloak & warming pan: to ds Rebecca & Sarah one black heifer: to his s. Abraham a house & land pur. of John Strickland, his bed clothes, a little chest & contents, two great oxen, two great yearling calves, & $\frac{1}{3}$ of his household goods: to his d. Elizabeth & her husband John Gray, a sow & her pigs, & $\frac{1}{3}$ part of his household goods: to the children of Elizabeth Gray, by her first husband *John* Watson, namely Luke Watson a two year old black heifer; & to Susanna & Joanna Watson, the profit of one black four year old heifer: to John Gray's two children a red heifer, the profits to be equally divided between them: to his d. Lydia & her husband Henry Gray, he gave the use of his house & home-lot, with the part of it which he changed with John Foster, & $\frac{1}{3}$ part of his meadow & upland: to Mary d. of Henry Gray one red heifer: to his d. Mary Rylie living in England, all his goods in Old England. To the town of Uncoway he left ten pounds "towards building a Meeting-house, to be paid when it is half built."

DANIEL 1. s. of William Frost 1. who settled near his father in the Frost Square, sold his house & home-lot of $3\frac{3}{4}$ acres to John Banks in 1648, & became one of the five Bankside farmers. His home-lot of ten acres at Bankside, was situated on Long Island Sound on the east side of Frost Point, & commanded one of the finest prospects of that beautiful region of country. He m. Elizabeth d. of John Barlow. Their children were: Rebecca b. 1640, who m. 5 Jan. 1664 Simeon Booth; Daniel; Joseph; Isaac; Sarah who m. Samuel Smith; Rachel who m. Robert Rumsey; Hannah who m. John Thorp & Esther who m. ——

DANIEL s. of Daniel Frost 1. m. Mary d. of Henry Rowland. He was given by his father before he died his house & a portion of the home-lot at Bankside, provided he gave a certain maintenance yearly to his mother during her life time. His children were Isaac bapt. 26. Aug 1694; Rebecca 4. July 1697. & William 6. June 1700.

Joseph of Bankside s. of Daniel Frost 1. m. Elizabeth (b. 1652) d. of Richard Hubbell of Pequonnock, & was given a small house with a portion of the home-lot of his father's at Frost Point, provided he also gave a certain maintenance to his mother yearly. His children were: Isaac bapt. 26. Aug 1694; Abner 16. Feb 1695^{6}; Rebecca 4. July 1697; William 16. June 1700. He died in 1707, in which year his estate was distributed. His widow Elizabeth m. Samuel Hull of F. & had children Cornelius & Josiah.

ISAAC s. of Daniel Frost 1. died in 1684, in which year his will is probated. He left his property to his brothers & sisters, & to the children of his sister Mrs. Samuel Smith.

GILBERT

OBEDIAH GILBERT in 1670, recorded, that he had quiet possession of his home-lot at F. on the Burr Square, for several years, lying, s. w. of Jehue Burr's land near the Old Field Gate. He m. Elizabeth, widow of Nehemiah Olmstead of F. & died in 1674. In his will dat. 23. Aug. of the same year, he gave his wife Elizabeth the use of his homestead at F. while she remained his widow; 20£ of his estate, & 20£. out of a legacy due her in England; the remainder of said legacy, to be divided between his sons; to step d. Sarah Olmstead 4s. in money; to his three s. Obediah, Benjamin & Joseph 4s. in money each, & the remainder of his estate, when they each were twenty one years of age; to s. Obediah he gave his "silver seal," & made his loving brethren Jonathan &

Josiah Gilbert, the over-seers of his estate. His three s. Obediah, Benjamin & Joseph were bapt. at F. 19, May 1695.

OBEDIAH 2. s. of Obediah Gilbert 1. m. Abigail d. of ——— & settled at Greenfield. Their children were Benjamin bapt. 19. May 1695 ; John 23 May 1697 ; Elizabeth 8, Sept. 1700 ; × Abigail 11. April 1703; Mary 29. April 1705 ; × Joseph 25. Aug. 1706 ; × Abigail 15. May 1709 ; Sarah 9. March 1711^{12} ; Margaret 21, April 1717. F. & G. H. Par. Rec.

LIEUT. BENJAMIN, s. of Obediah Gilbert 1. m. ——— d. of ——— & settled at Greenfield. Their children were Moses bapt. 4. Aug 1717 ; Abigail 12. June 1719 ; Sarah 2. July 1721 ; Benjamin 14, April 1723 ; Elizabeth 12. Sept. 1731. F. & G. H. Par. Rec.

The following record has been donated by the Rev. Charles Payson Gilbert of West Farms, New York City.

GILBERT, GOULD, AND MALLERY

THE Gilbert family was one of the first to settle in the now historic and ancient town of Fairfield, Connecticut, where even to this day some of that name may be found, though many of its representatives are in other towns of the State, and some in far distant sections of our rapidly growing country.

Obadiah Gilbert's son Joseph was, if we mistake not, the father of John Gilbert who was born in Fairfield in 1696, and who died in 1782 at the advanced age of 86 years, leaving four sons—Thaddeus, Ebenezer, Joseph, and John, Jr.

The first named, Thaddeus Gilbert, married a Miss Winton and had Seth, Andrew, Elmer, and Thaddeus ; also one daughter who married a Mr. Scribner.

The second named, Ebenezer Gilbert, who was born March 31st 1724, had three wives and a large posterity, to whom we will refer hereafter.

The third named, Joseph Gilbert, married a Miss Bradley, and had Stephen (of Newtown), Reuben (of Weston), Lois, who married a Mr. Robertson, and Abagail, who married a Mr. Burr.

The fourth named, John Gilbert, married a Miss Merwin, and had Samuel, Lewis, Nathan, Thomas, and two daughters, all of whom went to Vermont about 1795.

To return, Ebenezer Gilbert, was born March 31st 1724. . He married a Miss Northrop, and had the following children, Hezekiah, born Dec. 1744, resided at the home of his father until he was forty years old when he was drowned ; Anna who married David Thompson and died on Long Island ; Ebenezer, Jr. who was born June 1754, and David, born Nov 1746, and died Nov 1812.

The latter married Abagail the daughter of William Wakeley, and lived on the borders of Weston, three or four miles from Greenfield Centre. The dwelling which he occupied, has long since disappeared, but the site is still identified.

This property, during the occupancy of David Gilbert, and the adjoining farm, then owned by Mr. —— Seeley was the scene of a wonderful and startling occurrence. On the 14th of Dec. 1807, a ball of fire nearly the size of the moon passed across the heavens, at an immense height, and of intense brilliancy.

Having passed the zenith (says Goodrich) it swiftly descended toward the earth. While still at a great elevation it burst, with three successive explosions, into fiery fragments of stone, many of which fell in the town of Weston, and several of the largest were found on the farms above described, and very near the houses occupied by David Gilbert and Mr. Seeley. A specimen weighing twenty-five pounds, may now be seen in the Mineralogical Cabinet of Yale College.

David Gilbert had among others a son Northrop, who was born Dec 26th 1782, and who married Charity, the daughter of David and Abagail (Hill) Gould of Greenfield, and had several children, one of whom, Clara was born Sept. 1st 1806, and was married Feby 12th 1824 to Daniel Mallery, one of the leading merchants of Bridgeport, with whom she subsequently moved to Philadelphia, Penna She became the mother of ten children, three of whom, Daniel, Richard, and Charles, entered the

ministry of the Presbyterian Church and one of whom Eliza, became the wife of James Ogdin of the United States Navy.

Ebenezer Gilbert, above referred to, on the death of his wife, married Miss P. Burr, and had three children, Burr, John, and Huldah. On the death of his second wife he married, Sept. 23rd 1766, Miss Hannah Bennet who bore him, among other children, Ezra, March 8th 1772. The latter married Miss Rebecca Minor, and became the father of a large family, including Jerusha Emily, born Nov. 5th 1809 who married the Rev. Wm R. Stocking, with whom she became a Missionary of the American Board in Persia, and Rev. Wm H. Gilbert who is now Secretary of the Connecticut Bible Society.

It is interesting to note that the Gilberts, many years ago intermarried with a Fairfield family, no less distinguished, by the name of Gold, or Gould, as it is now generally written.

He died Oct 3d 1723 aged 60 years, leaving among other sons Onesimus, whose home was in the vicinity of Greenfield. There was born to him a son, David, whose daughter Charity Gould married Northrop Gilbert, and bore Clara, who became the wife of Daniel Mallery, named above.

GOLD

Gold, Gould—Nathan Gold came from St. Edmundsbury in South Britain. He pur. land at Milford Ct. in 1647 (*Milford T. Rec. Vol.* 1. *p.* 101.) On the 12. Dec. 1649 he "pur. George Hubbard's dwelling-house & home-lot at Milford, & all his upland & meadow, with all the appurtenances thereto belonging." On the 31. of Dec. following, he sold the above purchase to John Streame, & re-moved to Fairfield. Here he first pur. John Foster's homestead on the Frost Square, which he sold to Thomas Sherwood 15. Dec. 1653. He next pur. of Alexander Bryan, Richard Perry's homestead on the Newton Square 8. Dec. 1653; & also Edmund Harvey's homestead on the n. e. of sd Newton's lot. On the 30. Nov. 1653, he pur. Thomas Newton's homestead, lying between Richard Perry's & the parsonage land; & through Alexander Bryan sold it to Dr. Thomas Pell 9. Feb 1653[4]. He next pur. 11. May 1654, Rodger Ludlow's homestead & home-lot of six acres on the n. e. corner of the Ludlow Square; & also Ludlow's pasture lot, at the present time occupied by Mrs. Abraham Benson, the widow of a Revolutionary officer. The name of his first wife is not known. His second wife was Martha wid. of Edmund Harvey of F. His name is mentioned in the Connecticut Royal Charter of 1662. He died 4. March 1694, greatly revered & beloved by the people of the town; & honored throughout Conn. New England, & in fact throughout the country for his christian character, sterling worth, & great usefulness. His will is dated 1. March 1693[4], in which he gave to his "only & well beloved son Nathan" his home lot & new house, buildings & fences, bd. s. w. by the home stead of Nathaniel Burr, & on all other sides with highways; also the opposite pasture-lot with buildings & accommodations, & the house he built for him on this land, with 2½ acres adjoining; ½ of his building lot in the woods; ¾ of his long-lot, & ¾ of his interest in the Perpetual Common, & other lands; one horse, a yoke of oxen, cart, plow, & carpenter's tools, & all stock & other estate, which he had previously given him; also his Bible, wearing-apparel, arms, ammunition & staff, & his farm in the woods, lying on both sides of the Saugatuck River. To his four ds. viz: Sarah wife of John Thompson of F., Deborah w. of George Clark of Milford, Abigail w. of Jonathan Selleck of Stamford & d. Martha widow of John Selleck, he gave the remainder of his estate, to be equally divided among them. Dr. Josiah Harvey of F. m. an elder d. of Major Nathan Gold, who died childless before her father. Martha was the widow of John Selleck, another s. of Jonathan Selleck 1,* who died before Major Nathan Gold. Martha next m. 16 April 1695, the Rev. John

* The will of Jonathan Selleck 1. of Stamford, who m. Abaigail d. of Richard Law of the same place, is dated 21. Dec. 1713, & mentions his grand-son Gold Selleck s. of his s. John; a d. of Abigail who m. Jacob Moore of New York & her s. Jacob; gives his books to the Rev. John Davenport of Stamford; & the remainder of his estate to his grandson Nathan Selleck. Jonathan Selleck 1. survived his wife & sons.

Davenport of Stamford who " was born in Boston 23. Feb. 1669, & was the s. of John Davenport Esqr. the only s. of Rev. John Davenport, the ecclesiastical founder of New Haven. He grad. at H. C. in 1687, & commenced preaching in 1690. By Martha Gold Selleck he had seven children viz: " Abigail who m. Rev. Stephen Williams D.D. of Springfield, & became the mother of an illustrious family; John of New Canaan; Martha who m. Rev. Thomas Goodsell of Brandford; Sarah who first m. Capt. William Maltbie of New Haven, & second Rev. Eleazer Wheelock D.D., the founder & first president of Dartmouth College; and thus became the ancestress of a talented & noble lineage; Theodore who d. early; Deacon Deodate of East Haven; & Elizabeth who m. the Rev. William Gaylord of Wilton, Conn. Mrs. Martha Davenport d. 1. Dec. 1712." Her death was deemed no ordinary event, as attested by the extraordinary record of it found in Book 1. p. 110 of Stamford T. Rec. as follows: " That eminently Pious & virtuous, Grave & whorthily much Lamented Matron Mrs. Martha Davenport, Late wife of the Reverend Mr. John Davenport, Pastor of ye Church of Christ in Stamford, Laid down or exchanged Her mortal or temporall Life, to putt on Immortality & to be crowned with Immortal Glory; on ye 1st Day of Decemb. 1712." Mr. Davenport next m. Mrs. Elizabeth Maltby d. of John Morris, by whom he had two children; Hon. Abraham & Rev. James Huntington's *Hist. Stamford, p.* 270.

Lieut. Gov. Nathan Gold 2. s. of Major Nathan Gold 1. m. Hannah d. of Col. John Talcott 2. of Hartford, & sister of the great lawyer, John Read of Boston. His children were Abigail b. 14. Feb. 1687, who m. Rev. Thomas Hawley of Ridgefield, Conn. 8. Nov. 1738; John b. 25. April 1688, who m. Hannah Slawson; Hezekiah (birth not recorded) grad. at H. C. in 1719, m. Mary Ruggles, & became a minister at Stratford, where he d. 22. April 1761; Nathan 6. April 1690; Samuel 27. Dec. 1692 (F. T. Rec.); Sarah bapt. 23. July 1696; Sarah again bapt. 3. March 1699^{1700}; Onesimus bapt. 19. Oct. 1701; David bapt. 3. Dec. 1704; Martha bapt. 8 Feb. 1707^{8} (at which time the father is called the Worshipful Nathan Gold), & Joseph, b. 21. Oct. 1711. Lieut Gov. Nathan Gold died the 31. Oct. 1723, when but sixty years of age. His tomb-stone, well preserved, is in the Burial Hill Cemetery. His will is dated 13. Sept 1723. (Superior Court Rec. Hartford, Vol. 3½ p. 545–6) in which he gives his eldest s. John a double portion of his estate; to s. Samuel one single share, including what he had already given him; to s. Hezekiah " 50£ over & above what he had expended upon his learning;" to son-in-law Rev. Thomas Hawley, of Ridgefield, who had m. his d. Abigail 100£. besides her mar. dower: to d. Martha (who m Samuel Sherman) 200£; to sons Onesimus, David & Joseph one single portion of his estate.

John 1. s. of Lieut: Gov: Nathan Gold m. Hannah Slawson. Their children were Hannah b. 20. Sept. 1716; Sarah bapt. 1. June 1718; John bapt. 29. May 1720; Nathan bapt. 2. Feb 1723^{4}; Elizabeth bapt. 24. April 1726; Talcott bapt. 1. Sept. 1728; Mary bapt. 6. June 1731; Jemima bapt. 18. June 1738. F. Par. Rec. John Gold lived in the Frost Homestead. He died the 23. Sept. 1766, in the 79th year of his age. His tomb-stone is in the Burial Hill Cemetery. He probably m. twice the second wife, perhaps, a d. of Rev. Thomas Hawley of Ridgefield.

Nathan 3 s. of Nathan Gold 2. m. —— d. of ——— Their children were Catee bapt. 25. Sept. 1726, (who m. Jacob Levitt 18. Oct. 1742); Ann 4. Feb. 1727^{2}; Nathan; & Martha 24. May 1730. Martha m. David Hubbell 5. Feb. 1753. *F. Par. Rec.* Through this m. of David Hubbell & Martha Gold, the homestead of Roger Ludlow & Major Nathan Gold, passed into the Hubbell family.

Samuel s. of Nathan Gold 2. m. Esther d. of —— Bradley. Their children were Hester bapt. 8. Nov. 1719; Abigail 24. May 1724; Abel 17. Sept. 1727; Abraham 18. Oct. 1730; Abraham again 14. May 1732. *F. Par. Rec.* Samuel Gold pr. the present Gould Homestead at F. now occupied, (1888.) by the three d's of the late Hon. John Gould. Samuel Gould died 11. Oct. 1769.

Onesimus s. of Nathan Gold 2 m. Eunice d. of ——— & settled at Greenfield. Their children were Rebecca bapt. 4. Oct. 1724, at F.; Nathan 17 Sept. 1726; David 22. Oct 1728; Luther

10. Oct. 1631 ; Eunice, Aug 1733 ; Stephen, May 1736 ; Sarah, 21. Aug. 1737 ; Aaron, 25. Jan 1740. *C. H. Par. Rec.*

Joseph s. of Nathan Gold 2. m. Abigail d. of —— Their children were Hannah bapt. 22. June 1740 ; John 21. Aug. 1755. *F. Par. Rec.*

The Golds did not add the u. to their name until about 1806 ; when Jason Gold introduced it.

THE GODFREE OR GODFREY FAMILY

According to a tradition in the Godfrey family of Green's Farms, the original settlers of that branch of the family in New England were from Normandy ; that from their native country they first went to Greenwich England, & from there to the United States. Christopher Godfree first purchased land at Compo in 1686, one year after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, which leads to the conclusion that perhaps he was one of the French or Norman Refugees.

The late Hon. Jonathan Godfrey, his sister Mrs. Elsey Parker, & Joseph & Abraham Godfrey, sons of the late Edward Godfrey of Ridgefield, Ct. all give the same tradition. They have also often spoken about their connection with the Taunton & Cape Cod branches of the Godfrey family, & said that they early called each other cousins. As yet no record has been found making the connecting link between these families. Once only is the name of Richard Godfrey found in the Green's Farm's Parish Records, where it is recorded by the Rev. Dr. Ripley, that "Capt. Richard Godfrey died of appoplexy 19. Dec. 1809 in the 61st year of his age." As the name of Richard is not among the christian names of the Green's Farm's Godfreys, the conclude is that Capt. Richard Godfrey was one of the Taunton branch, & was visiting his cousins at Green's Farms when he died.

A very interesting account of the Taunton Godfreys, is to be found in Contributions Biographical, Genealogical & Historical, by E. W. Pierce. He traces a highly honorable descent from Richard Godfrey, who settled in Taunton as early, if not before 1652. Many of this family distinguished themselves in the French & Indian Wars & in the Revolution. General George Godfrey of Taunton "retained the command of the Bristol Co. Brigade until 1781, for a term of about five years." There were also several distinguished physicians in the family. They all appear to have been men of influence & spirit.

The name of Godfrey is an historical one. The Latin motto "Deus et Libertas," which we find under one of the Godfrey coat of arms, is one which indicates that the family fought the battles of God & freedom. In Saxon the name signifies at peace with God, in which alone is true freedom. The name is early spelled in the F. T. R. *Godfree.*

The first name of this family at Green's Farms or Compo, was that of Christopher Godfree. His name appears in Letter A. of F. T. D., where it is recorded, that Christopher Godfree on the 29. Dec 1686 purchased Seargt. Richard Hubbells' dividends of Compo lands. He also afterwards improved town lands, which were eventually granted him. On the 31. July 1695 he purchased of James Newton, about twenty-five acres of land at Green's Farms, in the woods at *Benjamins' hill*, which commanded a magnificent view of the surrounding country, Long Island Sound & the Norwalk Islands, "being the whole of a pasture & building lot laid out to Robert Beacham dec."

The next we find of his family is in the Parish Record of Christ's Church, Fairfield, where it is recorded by the Rev. Joseph Webb, that on the 17. July 1697 Anne Godfrey (wife of Christopher Godfrey), renewed her Covenant with the Church.

On the 17. July 1698 Christopher & Samuel, sons of Christopher Godfrey, & Elizabeth, Mary & Abigail, daughters of Christopher Godfrey, were baptized.

John son of Christopher Godfrey 1. was baptz. 23, April 1699.

Isaac, son of the above Christopher, was baptz. 14. Feb 1703. —— all by the Rev. Joseph Webb.

These same names appear in the settlement of the estate of Christopher Godfrey, who died in the year 1715. Having died intestate, his widow Anne, which, on the town records is spelled Ann, was appointed by the Court to administer with his son Samuel on his estate, "in the recognizance of one hundred pounds cash for the faithful discharge of their duty." In the final settlement of the estate 5. June 1718. it amounted to £273. 2s. 1d.

CHRISTOPHER 2. s. of Christopher Godfrey 1. m. 11 Feb. 1711, Margery d. of John Sturges 2, s. of John Sturges 1. of F. Their children were David b. 20. Feb. 1713; Stephen 8. Sept. 1715; Nathan 25. Sept. 1719; Eleazer 15. March 1721; Isaac 25. Dec. 1724; Ebenezer 27. June 1727.

CHRISTOPHER GODFREY d. 20. Aug. 1758. Margery Godfrey d. 20 Aug. 1759. F. T. Rec. of Births', Deaths' & Marriages'.

DEACON DAVID 1., s. of Christopher Godfrey 2. m. 24. June 1738, Mary d. of Daniel Silliman. Their children were: Daniel b. 20. March 1739; Ann 16. May 1740; David 1. Sept 1743; Silliman 1. May 1750, & was a Lieut. in the Revolution. Mary 24. Feb. 1752; Jonathan 1. 23, Dec. 1754; Sarah 12. Feb. 1757.

David Godfrey 1. was one of the Deacons of the Green's Farms' church.

ELEAZER 1. s of Christopher Godfrey 2. m. Rachel d. of —— Bennet 21. Jan. 1749. Their children were: Isaac bapt. 29. Nov. 1749; & m. 8. Feb. 1798, Abigail Couch of Northfield, Ct. Moses b. 10. June 1750; Eleazer 31. Oct 1756.

STEPHEN s. of Christopher Godfrey 2. m. Elizabeth d. of —— Lewis, 11. June 1739. Their children were: Sarah b. 17, May 1741, & m. 7. Feb. 1759, John Hurlburt of Westport, Ct. Nathan 30. April 1743; Stephen 4. Oct. 1745; Betty 16. Feb. 1747, & m. 3. March 1763 Eben Lewis.

LIEUT. NATHAN 1. s. of Christopher 2. & Margery Sturgis Godfrey m. Martha d. of —— Couch 11. June 1747. Their children were: Abraham b. 13. March 1748; Martha 24. May 1752; & m. John Burr 18. Oct. 1772. Nathan 19. Aug. 1754; Benjamin b ——, & d. in the army at Albany, N. Y. in 1776. Molly bapt. 20. Aug. 1758; & m. Seymour Lockwood of Norwalk 14. Sept. 1795; who was the grand-father of the late Le Grand Lockwood of Norwalk, Ct.

Martha wife of Lieut. Nathan Godfrey d. 31 May 1761.

2nd wife of Lieut. Nathan Godfrey, whom he m. 9. Nov. 1764, was Sarah * d. of Jonathan Andrews, & wid. of Jonathan Nash 2. Their children were: Rhoda bapt. 18. Aug. 1765; m. —— Morris & moved to Ohio. Jonathan 2. bapt. —— 1766. Esther 17. Sept. 1769; Ebenezer 17. March 1772; Andrews 14. April 1776.

LIEUT. NATHAN GODFREY was commissioned a Lieutenant of Capt. Whiting's company, in the first attack made on Ticonderoga in 1756. He was one of the most influential & wealthy men of Green's Farms. His homestead, which stood near the summit of Clapboard-hill was burned by the British in 1779—See Centennial Commemoration of the Burning of Fairfield in 1879.

JONATHAN 2. s. of Lieut. Nathan Godfrey m. Esther d. of —— Whitehead 30. Nov. 1788. Their children were: Nathan bapt. 1. Oct. 1789, m. Catharine Brown of Norwalk, Ct., Abel 27. Nov. 1791. d. 1811 unmarried; Ebenezer 7. July 1793, & d. 30. Sept. 1807; Elsey b. 30. Oct. 1796. m. Samuel Parker, & d. 27. July 1882; Jonathan 3. b. 2. June 1798, d. 3. Aug. 1882; Seth bapt. 24. March 1802. m. Eliza Cox of New York.

Esther wife of Jonathan Godfrey 2. d. 24 March 1803. 2. wife of Jonathan Godfrey 2. was Huldah Parsons, whom he m. 26. Oct. 1803. Their children were: Esther, Eliza, Mary, Ebenezer, Simon, Ann, & Frederick.

* Sarah the wife of Lieut. Nathan Godfrey had the following children by her first husband Jonathan Nash 2. Sarah b. 17. Jan. 1755; m. Thomas Couch of Reading, Ct. Elizabeth 3. Oct. 1756; d. 1. March 1775; Eleanor 14. Jan. 1758; m. Simon Couch of Reading, Ct. a brother of the above Thomas C.

Sarah Nash Godfrey was also the great grand-mother of Gen. D. N. Couch of Norwalk, Ct.

Jonathan Nash 2. was the grand-father of the late, distinguished Dr. Nash of Bridgeport, Ct.

JONATHAN 3. s. of Jonathan Godfrey 2. & grandson of Lieut. Nathan Godfrey, b. 2. June 1798, m. Elizabeth d. of Aaron & Elizabeth Hubbell of Southport, Ct. 19. Jan. 1823. Their children were, Elizabeth, Harriet, both of whom d. young. Jonathan 4 (a clergyman, in the Episcopal church); Elizabeth Hubbell, (the author of the History of Fairfield), who m. Adrian V. S. Schenck, s. of the late Dr. Ferdinand S Schenck of New Jersey; Samuel H. who m. Harriet A. Godfrey, d. of Edward Godfrey Esqr. of Ridgefield, Ct., and Mary Catherine, who m. Calvin G. Child of Norwich, Ct.

The above Jonathan Godfrey 3. was a man of influence both in church & state. He d. 3. Aug. 1882, esteemed & beloved by all who knew him, for his honorable name & many charities.

GRAY

JOHN GRAY, who first settled at Lynn, Mass. & m. before May 1639 Elizabeth d. of William Frost 1., & widow of John Watson of Boston, sold his home-lot at Lynn in Aug. of the same year, & probably accompanied his father-in-law to Uncoway, before the 28. of Sept. following. He was granted 2½ acres on the s. w. of the Frost Square, which he sold a few years after to Alexander Bryan, who re-sold it to Henry Rowland 1. 18. March 1649. He probably moved to Long Island, as his name is mentioned there, in Thompson's Hist. of L. I. He no doubt had other children, besides the two mentioned without christian names, in William Frost's will: but of him I find no more.

HENRY GRAY 2., found in the F. Par. Rec., was probably a son of John 1. He m. —— d. of ——— Their children were: Isaac, Henry, William & David, all bapt. 30. April 1699; also Deborah & Mary bapt. 25. June 1704; Samuel & Martha bapt. 6. March 1714-15. F. Par. Rec.

HENRY GRAY 1, a brother of the above John 1. settled, at Boston, where he had a house-lot granted 12. Feb. 1639. In an instrument executed 7. Sept. 1639, he is described as "now of Boston, hitherto citizen & merchant of London." [Lechford's manuscript Journal.] Soon after Sept. 1639, he m. Lydia d. of William Frost 1., & joined his father-in-law at F. in 1640, lived with him, & received the use of his homestead after his death, which was entailed to his son Jacob Gray. He appears to have been rather wild for a time, but soon settled down, & became a useful member of society. He, with John Green, became security for Thomas Newton, in his troubles at F. in 1648; & was fined 20^{s} in 1650, for speaking his mind to the Court. He afterwards became a deputy to the Gen. Ct. in 1656 & 57. from F. He was one of the Bankside planters & died in 1658. He probably had other children besides Jacob, which I do not find.

JACOB s. of Henry Gray 1., lived for a while in his grand-father Frost's homestead. In 1662, there is a record of a pledge, entered in A. of F. T. D., which he gave to his uncle Daniel Frost & Cornelius Hull, that he would not sell his grand-father Frost's homestead. He did sell this place to the Rev. Samuel Wakeman a few years after; & on 21. Dec. 1683 pur. of said Wakeman 1½ acres on the s. w. end of the home-lot that was formerly Ephraim Wheeler's, bounded s. e. by John Thompson's, s. w. & n. w. highways, & s. e. by said Wakeman's land. On the 21. Aug 1685, he sold a rood & 3½ rods in breadth of this lot to Peter Bulkley. In Feb. 1707-8 he is found at Greenfield, or in the Mile of Common, where he lived on two acres next adjoining to his s. Jacob's homestead. He m. Sarah —— d. of ——— Their children were Mehitable; Rebecca b. 1. Jan. 1670; Sarah 9. Oct. 1677; & Jacob. He died early in 1712 & his s. Jacob & widow Sarah administered upon his estate, which was distributed 3. March of that year. He had already given to his d. Mehitable as her marriage portion, 11 acres of the front of his long-lot 17. April 1690. The distribution of his estate is made by his widow Sarah & his s. Jacob Feb. 1707-8. His d. Sarah m. Samuel Umberfield of New Haven, & had children Sarah b. 2. April 1695; Ann 28. April 1700; John 15. March 1702; Thomas 8. Feb. 1705; Eliza 27. Oct. 1708; Esther 12. Sept 1710; Mary 28. Aug. 1714; David 16. Aug. 1716. Savage's Gen. Dic.

JACOB 2. s. of Jacob Gray 1. entered into covenant with the G. H. P. 5. June 1712. He m. Hannah —— d. of ——— Their children were : + Nathaniel, Sarah, John, James, Jacob, Rebecca & Eunice, all bapt. by the Rev. John Goodsell 12. June 1726; & Mary bapt. March 1728-9. G. H. Par. Rec.

A branch of the Gray family settled at Westport, where the name is still to be found. In the Parish Records, the name is sometimes spelled Grey. It is highly probable that the first John & Henry Gray were the sons of John Gray of London, mentioned in George Ludlow's will. The T. & Par. Rec's. of F. & G. H., furnish the earliest records of this family.

GREEN

JOHN GREEN, who was made a freeman 9. Oct. 1662, was an early settler at F. where he was granted a home-lot from the town, of three acres on the n. w. of the Frost Square, lying between Daniel Frost's & Henry Whelpley's. He with Henry Gray gave 200£. security in 1648 for Thomas Newton, in an action between said Newton & Jonas Wood. He ran a grist mill for the town, a little above Thomas Sherwood's on Mill River. He sold his homestead at F. in 1648 to Simon Hoyt, & removed to Bankside, where he took up a home-lot of ten acres, lying west of Francis Andrews. He also owned seven acres between Sherwood's Island & the Little Islands, & other parcels of land, which were given the name of Greens farms, which name in the course of time superseded that of Bankside. He was a man of remarkable energy & enterprise ; one of those sterling characters, specially adapted to a pioneer life. He was a large land holder in the town, sharing in all the land dividends. His long-lot lay east of Francis Andrews, which formed the west boundary of the town, near the Saugatuck river. His testimony before witnesses as to the early settlers of F. is of great value. In a deed dated 24. June 1699, he gave his negro Harry his freedom after his decease ; provided said Harry served five years to any master of his own choosing for 20£, which 20£. was to be added to his estate, as part pay for his sons' education & for board to his father-in-law Hobbey. One half of this 20£. was to be paid, when half of the five years had expired, & the other half at the expiration of the five years, & then "ye said negro which is now my negro shall be a free negro, & his own man for himself." He gave said Harry a horse & the violin "he calleth his."

He died intestate about 1703, leaving widow Hannah ; but the T. Rec. are silent as to his family. His son John appears to have inherited the most of his estate at F.

JOHN 2. s. of John Green 1. m. —— d. of —— Their children were John & Hannah bapt. at F., 16 Sept. 1705. F. Par. Rec. He probably removed to Long Island, as I find no more of him, or of his father's descendants.

GRUMMAN

JOHN GRUMMAN was made a freeman of F. in 1664. He m. Sarah d. of Michael Try. In his will dated 2. June 1685, he mentions the following children John ; Samuel ; Thomas ; Michael ; & Sarah who m. Samuel Jennings ; & was granted a home-lot n w of John Bank's first home-lot near Hyde's Pond. & Abigail b. in 1685. He left 4£ to Thomas Oliver of F.

John 2. s. of John Grumman 1. m. Esther d. of Richard Lyon. Their children were Thomas & Samuel bapt. 16. Sept 1694 ; Esther, Silenne, Thankful & John bapt. 5. July 1713 ; Elizabeth 4. Aug. 1717. F. T. & Par. Rec.

HALL

FRANCIS HALL was in the list of those who subscribed to the fundamental agreement 4. June 1639, at the gathering of the church at New Haven. He is represented to have been a son of Gilbert Hall of Kent, England, & was himself of Milford, Surry Co. He came to America with his brother William who settled at Guilford. In 1641 the Gen. Ct of New Haven ordered, "that

he should have liberty to dispose of the children which he brought out with him, until the Court had light to dispose otherwise of them, provided that they were well looked unto & well used." He took the oath of fidelity before Governor Eaton on the 1. July 1644. In 1647, having been warned with Thomas Fell, John Thompson & others to appear at Court, which he failed to do, "though the Court sat a good space of time," orders were given that he with the others should be warned to the next court for neglect. The children referred to above, were, John & Thomas Whitehead, who had been sent out from England under the care of Francis Hall, to their Uncle Thomas Allcote of Roxbury "in the Bay." The Uncle died before their arrival, & Hall excused himself before the Court for any blame attached to him, he having been at the expense of their voyage &c., & that upon making an effort he failed to find their Uncle, & had submitted the case to the Court, which had placed Thomas Whitehead with Mathias Hitchcock, but he had kept John himself "until they might have further light to dispose of them." The Court "having pity upon them, seeing they were so small," & being desirous that they should have no wrong done them debated long upon the subject. Mathias Hitchcock, having put Thomas Whitehead out to David Atwater, which he had no right to do, it was decided that the boy, at his own request, should, remain with Mr. Atwater, until he should hear from his Uncle. Mr Atwater & the Court agreed that he should have three pounds a year, meat, drink & clothes & finally set him free. N. H. Col. Rec. Savage says he was at Stratford after 1648. He was admitted a freeman of the Connecticut Colony 21. May 1657, but was at Fairfield earlier, where he owned a farm, called Hall's farm lying s. e. of the Newton Square. He owned land at Greenlea, & shared in the land dividends of the town. His first wife Elizabeth accompanied him from England, & died 6. July 1665, leaving sons Francis (who died 5. March 1690) & Samuel; & dau's. Mary; Eliza; Rebecca (who died 5. March 1690); & Hannah who m. Joseph Blackman of Stratford. He next m. Dorothy d. of Rev. Henry Smith of Weathersfield, & wid. of John Blackman of Stratford 3. Oct. 1665, who, Savage says, bore off a prize against the counter claim of John Thomas, whom she had previously encouraged. His last days were greatly embittered by the quarrel of his sons, over lands he had deeded his older son at Pequonnock, at which time Samuel acted as attorney for his father. He died at Stratford, where he appears to have resided after his last marriage. His will is dated 3. Oct. 1690, in which month he died. His wid. m. Mark St. John of Norwalk, who died 1693; & she m. for her fourth husband, Deacon Isaac Moore of Farmington. (Savage Gen. Dic.)

ISAAC 1. s. of Francis 1. became a surgeon. He m. Lydia d. of Nicholas Knap of F. 16. Jan. 1666. Their children were Isaac b. 8. Nov 1667; Sarah 3. May 1668; Lydia 21. Sept 1670; Elizabeth 11. Nov. 1672; Samuel 14. Sept. 1674; Francis 26. Sept. 1676; John 8. Feb. 1677; & died 4 years after; John 3. Jan. 1679; Mary 7. Aug. 1681; Abigail 1. April 1683; Jonathan 2. Dec. 1684. Dr. Isaac Hall was engaged several years in a law-suit with his brothers, which was finally settled by Jonathan Pitman & George Pardee of New Haven as arbitrators. He sold his housing & lands in F. in 1684 to Richard Ogden, & removed to New Haven.

SAMUEL s. of Francis Hall 1. m. Mary —— d. of —— 26 March 1682. Their children were Francis b. 27. Feb. 1683; Edward 8. Jan 1685, & died 12. March 1687; Mary 10. Feb $1685/_{6}$. He next m. Hannah —— d. of —— 16. March $1686^{\frac{1}{2}}$, who died on the 17. Nov. following. Another s. James died 17. Dec. 1690. The Hall family appear to have settled in Bridgeport & its vicinity.

HEDGE

STEPHEN HEDGE was in F. before 1670, where he died without children, leaving his estate to his nephew Antony Hedge of England. His will on file at F. is a remarkable document. Antony Hedge came to America & in A. of T. D., in recording the estate left him by his Uncle, calls himself "of the County Wilts in the kingdom of England." He deeded to Mrs. Rebecca Hull, d. of Rev. John Jones, land left him by his Uncle in Paul's Neck. Of him I find no more.

HIDE

HUMPHREY HIDE, as the name is written in the F. T. Rec., was at Windsor before coming to Fairfield. He was granted a home-lot of 2½ acres from the town, which was recorded 6. March 1649, bounded n. e. with home-lot of John Banks; n. w. commons; s. w. John Thompson's home-lot; s. e. highway. In 1653 he purchased of John Grumman 2½ acres adjoining this lot, bounded n. w. with commons; s. w. with his own land; n. e. & s. e. with a highway. He also pur. John Banks' home-lot about 1649. This land is located where F. Post Office now stands. There is a tradition that the pond, long known as Hide's Pond, did not exist in the early days of the town. Be this as it may, the spot came to be a pond, which was always called Hide's Pond, until filled up by Frederick Sturges Esqr. of F. in 1880. The Hide family are believed to have been, & there seems to be no question about it, of the best blood of England. They have always been stanch, sterling, thrifty men in the town; & for generations a Deacon Hide, has represented the family in the Greens Farm's Congregational Church.

Humphrey Hide 1. whose name is frequently seen in the F. Rec. as *Hum. & Um. Hide*, m. probably in England. In his will dated 12. Nov. 1679, he mentions w. Ann; s. John, to whom he confirmed lands he had deeded him at various times at F., & gave him his sword & gun; to his d. Sarah w. of Peter Coley, the use of several pieces of land, his Compo dividends, ½ of his long-lot & "½ of his home-lot *next the rocks*," which, at her death was entailed to her son Samuel Coley or to his next male heir, & in default of male heirs to her daughters;—to d. Hannah (who m. William Sprague) & to her heirs, the other half of his home-lot after his wife's death; half of his long-lot & other parcels of land at F., Sasqua & Bankside; to the children of his s. John, namely John, Elizabeth, Sarah, & Mary 5^{s} apiece; to children of d. Sarah namely Samuel, Sarah, Peter & Mary Coley 5^{s} each. He made his wife Ann sole executrix, & his friends John Gregory of Norwalk, & Robert Clark of Stratford, over-seers of his will.

JOHN 1. s. of Humphrey Hide 1. in 1680 was living in his father's homestead. He m. Elizabeth (b. 25. July 1644) d. of Richard Harvey of Stratford, formerly of Concord, Mass., to whom said Harvey deeded 33 acres of land at Stratford in 1686.—*F. T. Deeds*. Their children were John b. 1, May 1668; Elizabeth 23. Aug. 1669 who m. Edward Jesup of Bankside; Mary 25. Sept. 1670 who m. Benjamin Rumsey of Bankside; Sarah 25. July 1672 who m. Jonathan Fanton of Fairfield.—*F. T. D.* He probably had other children, as one Deborah Hide who m. Moses Jackson s. of Henry Jackson 1. was probably his daughter. He appears to have moved to Green's Farms before the 23, of April 1697, at which time Jonathan Sturges purchased of Benjamin Rumsey one acre in John Hide's home-lot, bounded n. e. with home-lot of William Sprague; s. e. Daniel Burr, & s. w. Jonathan Sturges.

JOHN 2. s. of John Hide 1. b. 1. May 1668. m. Rachel d. of Robert Rumsey of Bankside 1. Jan. 1692. Their children were John b. 6. Oct. 1692, who m. Rachel Holmes; Elizabeth b. 9. Aug. 1694, who m. John Bell; Demaris b. 2. Sept. 1696, who m. Thomas Whitlock; Daniel b. 31. March 1700, who m. Deborah ——; Abigail b. 20 May 1702, who m. Joseph Mallery; Sarah b. 25. Dec. 1703, who m. Jonathan Fanton; Mary b. 8. Oct. 1705; who m. Benjamin Darling; Hannah b. 28. Sept. 1707, who m. Rev. Joseph Burr; Rachel b. 6. Feb. 1713, who m. Daniel Lord, (in the Greenfield Par. Rec. it is written Robert Lord). "Recorded at Fairfield as follows: "Rachel w. of John Hide covenanted & was baptized 2. April 1710. At the same time her son Joseph was bapt."—This John Hide 2. was a physician & died at Greenfield, where he resided in 1744. His tomb-stone & that of his wife's are still to be seen in the old cemetery at Greenfield Hill. He was a Deacon in the church there, & the births & deaths of his children are to be found in the Greenfield Parish Record.

JOHN 3. s. of John Hide 2. b. 6. Oct 1692, m. Rachel Holmes 22. April 1718. Their children were: Eunice b. 10. Feb. 1719, who m. —— Wilson of Fairfield; Mary b. 30. Sept. 1720, who m. David Coley 16. Dec. 1740; John b. —— 1725, who m. Abigail Ogden, & had no children; Sarah

b. 27. Nov. 1727, who m. Ebenezer Banks 18. June 1746; Joseph b. —— 1729, who m. Betty Sherwood (sister of Rev. Samuel Sherwood) 1. Aug. 1753; Rachel b. 29. Feb. 1736, who m. Rev. Samuel Sherwood 6. June 1754. Mrs. Rachel Holmes Hide d. 30. Sept. 1736 in the 39th year of her age; & John Hide next m. Abigail Adams 22 March 1737. John Hide d. 11 Jan. 1761.

Joseph 1. s. of John Hide 3. b. —— 1729, m. Betty Sherwood 1. Aug. 1753. Their children were Elizabeth or *Betsey* b. 15 Dec. 1753, who m. Daniel Andrews; John b. 17. Aug. 1755, who m. Abigail Jennings & had 3 daughters; Salome b. 30. Aug. 1757, who m. Nathaniel Adams; Joseph b. 3. Jan. 1761, who m. Arete Jesup; Rachel b. 30. Oct. 1762, who m. Joseph Wakeman. Joseph Hide 1. had a second wife *Tamah* Higgins. He d. 14. Aug. 1814.

Joseph 2. s. of Joseph Hyde 1. b. 3. Jan 1761, m. Arete Jesup, d. of Dr. Ebenezer Jesup. Their children were: Arete b. 6. Dec. 1791; Eleanor b. 17. Jan 1793, & d. —— Aug 1857; John b. 11. Jan 1795 & d. —— 1809; Myranda b. 8. Dec. 1796; Joseph b. 20. Sept. 1798, graduated at Yale College in 1820, & d. 14. Dec 1824; Ebenezer b. 27 July 1800, and d. young; Rachel b. 13. June 1802; Edward b. 1. March 1804; William 18. 1805; John S. b. 19. July 1807; Samuel b. 23. Feb 1809; a son b. & d. 13. April 1811; Mary Augusta b. 12. July 1813.*

HILL

William Hill 1. came to New England in the ship William & Francis June 5th 1632. (Founder's of New England.) He was a man of note & first settled at Dorchester; was made a freeman of the Mass. Col. 5 Nov. 1633, & a select man in 1636: He was granted land at Dorchester 2. Nov. 1635. He removed soon after to Windsor, Ct, where he was granted a home-lot & "and set out an orchard." In 1639 he was appointed by the Gen. Ct. to examine the arms & ammunition of the towns in the colony; was also auditor of public accounts; was elected deputy to the Gen. Ct. from 1639 to 1641, & in 1644. He removed to F. soon after, & was chosen an assistant of the Gen. Ct., & appointed a collector of Customes. He & his son William were granted by the town home-lots between Paul's Neck & Robert Turney's home-lot, on the n. e. side of Dorcester St., & the Newton Square. He died in 1649, as his wife is in the Town Records at that time called a widow. His will is in the 2nd Vol. of the Records of the Particular Court at Hartford, & is dated 9. Sept 1649, & probated 15. May 1650.† In it he mentions his wife Sarah; & children Sarah, William, Joseph, Ignatius, James & Elizabeth. His d. Sarah m. Joseph Loomis 17. Sept. 1646.

William 2. s. of William Hill 1. was born in England, & called for several years after his father's death, Wm Hill jr. He was probably with his father in Dorchester & Windsor, & accompanied him to F., where he was granted a home-lot between his father's & Paul's Neck. He became one of the most influential & useful citizens of the town. He was the town recorder in 1650, & for several years after; & to him Roger Ludlow delivered town papers of value when he left F. in 1654. Mention is made in the records 1. Feb. 1673 of his having received his portion of his father's estate, from his father-in-law Greenleaf, which either indicates that he was twice m. or that said Greenleaf m. his mother. He was granted from the town 13. Feb 1670, the Lewis lot on the n. w. corner of the Newton Square. He died 19. Dec 1684. He m. in F. Elizabeth d. of the Rev. John Jones. Their children were: William, Eliphalet, Joseph, John, James & Sarah. Joseph d. in 1696 childless.

Sarah m. Richard Widden 15. April 1686. Their children were Elizabeth b. 19. Sept 1688; & Sarah 29. Dec. 1689. Richard Widden died 24. Oct 1690.

Eliphalet s. of William Hill 2. m. Esther d. of William Ward. Their children were William b. 17. Nov. 1692 & Eliphalet b. 11. Jan 1694[4]. The father died in 1695.

* The dates & births were copied from a manuscript in the possession of Miss M. L. Hyde, d. of the late Deacon John Hyde of Green's Farms.

† See boundaries of Thomas Jones home-lot in 1649.

JOHN m. Sarah d. of ———. Their children were: Sarah bapt. 15. May 1701; & John 29. June 1707.

WILLIAM 3. s. of William Hill 2. "was m. to Abigail d. of David Osborn of Eastchester 7. Oct. 1691, by Mr John Burr." Their children were Abigail b. 8, Jan 1694[5]; Joseph 1, April 1699 (F. T. Rec.) William bapt. 14. May 1699; William again, bapt. 12, July 1702; David 7, April 1706; & Catherine 2. Jan. 1717. F. Par. Rec.

This family have been noted for having been deacons in the Congregational church.

JABEZ s. of Deacon Hill 5. settled in Weston & m. Sarah d. of Col. John Read, after whom the parish of Redding was named.

EBENEZER HILL b. 20 Feb. 1768, lived & died in Fairfield, & was a Captain in the army of the Revolution. His son David b. 7. July 1766, studied for the ministry, & after preaching a few years, studied law & became Judge of the Court of Probate; was frequently a member of the State Senate & legislature, & had the honor to be appointed one of a committee for revising the Constitution of the State. He also lived and died at F.

THOMAS HILL "the mariner" prob. s. of James Hill of Boston, m. Abigail the only d. of Izbon & Hannah Wakeman in 1685 & the homestead "was divided between the mother & daughter by the middle of the chimney." He pur. in 1686 in London one half of a vessel called "The Two Brothers" of 32 tons burden, for 73 £. While on his long voyages from home, he left his estate in trust with Elias Dougherty & Jacob Walker of L. I. His children were Thomas; Benjamin bapt. 3. Nov. 1695, & no doubt others.

Mrs. Hannah Wakeman, the wid. of Izbon W. entered into a marriage contract with Capt. Joseph Bastard, a mariner & a stranger; & so long did he remain away from home on his voyages from F., that the neighbors gossiped of his neglect & unfaithfulness to his wife, & that he would spend all her money. About fourteen months after their mar. he entered a protest, & had it recorded in the town Records, against the neighbors "possessing his wife's mind" with such an idea; & to remove all fears, & that his wife might not further be deluded with, by such reports, "out of the tenderness he bore her & his children by her," he made over his entire estate to the care of Major Nathan Gold & Mr. Jehue Burr, in trust for her use during her natural life. He died in 1697 leaving a handsome property.

THOMAS HILL 2, m. Mary d. of ———. Their children were: Abigail bapt. 5. June 1720; Thaddeus 26. June 1720; Mary. 11. Nov 1722; Mary 9. Aug. 1724; Elizabeth 9. Jan. 1726/7; Anne 11. May 1729; Thomas 12. Dec. 1731. F. Par. Rec. & G. Par. Rec. He is called Capt. in the G. H. Par. Rec.

HUBBELL

HUBBALL, HUBBILL, HUBBELL. Sergt. Richard Hubbell was born in England about 1627, & came to N. E. between 1640 & 1645. He took the oath of fidelity in the N. H. Colony on the 7. March 1645. In 1650[11] he m. "Elizabeth d. of John, & grand-daughter of Vincent Meigs of Dorcetshire, England. Her grand-father Vincent Meigs was born in 1570, emigrated to America, & settled at Weymouth, Mass. was in N. H. in 1647; afterwards moved to Guilford, & finally settled at Killingworth, Ct. where he died in 1658." Richard Hubbell moved from N. H. to Guilford, Ct., & pur. land there 25. Feb. 1653. He was tried & fined for sedition in N. H. in 1656; & when asked if he was sorry for giving his name to a seditious paper, he replied, "that it was only his desire to have what our law did allow, & no more." He soon after removed to F., where he was accepted to be made a freeman of the the town 13. Oct 1664; & was made a freeman 10. Oct. 1669. He settled n. w. of the plateau at Pequonnock & pur. the home-lot of Thomas Wheeler, sr. He became one of the leading men of F., & one of the most enterprising. He was one of the largest land holders in the town. His name is mentioned in the Fairfield Patent granted in 1685. Both he & his sons were brave & active men in the French & Indian wars, & his

memory is honored & respected by his descendants, as one of the leading citizens of the town & colony. He died 23. Oct. 1699 aged about 72 years. By his wife Elizabeth Meigs, he had John b. about 1652 in N. H.; Richard 1654; James 1656 who d. 2 Dec. of the same year. Samuel b. 6. Nov. 1657; Elizabeth 16. Nov. 1659; Ebenezer; Mary all b. at Guilford; Martha b. in F. Mrs. Elizabeth Hubbell died, & soon after Sergt. Richard H. m. a second wife, whose Christian name is not known; but on her tomb-stone, in the old Stratford burying ground, her initials are E. H. & the date of her death in 1688. By this wife he had Samuel, Abigail, Sarah & James. The second wife died; & Sergt. Richard again m. a third wife Abigail in 1688, who was the widow of Joseph Walker of Stratford, Ct., & by her he had Joseph who d. in 1700, & John b. in April 1691. Sergt Richard Hubbell died on the 23. of October, aged about 72 years. His tomb-stone is near that of his second wife in the old Burying Ground of Stratford, marked R. H.; but the date of his death is obliterated with age. His will is dated 20. Nov. 1699 in which he confirmed to the heirs of his son John dec., & to his s. Richard, & s. Samuel sr., all lands &c; formerly given them; to s. Ebenezer he gave 40 acres of his long-lot: to Richard as much of his long-lot as he could cultivate in ten years: to d. Elizabeth w. of Joseph Frost, besides her mar. dower 20£: to d. Mary w. of James Newton 50£: to d. Martha w. of Capt. John Wakeman, besides her mar. dower "*one heavy piece of eight:*" to s. Samuel jr., (for he had two sons named Samuel) over & above what he had already given him, as much of his long-lot as he could cultivate, not previously disposed of: to d. Abigail, w. of Samuel French, one cow, & 10£ after his wife's dec. out of his movable estate: to d. Sarah (who m. Deacon Josiah Stevens in 1699) 100£ in current provision pay: to s.'s James, Joseph & John all other lands not previously disposed of: the use of the remainder of his estate he left to his wife Abigail during her natural life, who, with his son Samuel sr., he made his executors. To this will is attached his family seal of a bird holding an olive branch, which encircles the border of the seal. The inventory of his estate amounted to 816£. Abigail, the third wife of Sergt. Richard Hubbell, made her will 17. April 1688, & died early in Jan 1718. In her will she remembers her "living son John Hubbell," & her son & two dau's, by her first husband, namely: Robert Walker, Abigail Bostwick & Joanna Odell. She left "10 s. in money, towards buying a flagon for the Communion Table at Stratfield."

LIEUT. JOHN 1., s. of Sergt. Richard Hubbell 1. settled at Stratford & m. Patience ——. Their children were Margery b. 1681; Richard 25. Jan. 1684; Josiah 1688.— He was one of the soldiers from F. engaged in the French & Indian war. In consideration of his loss of one of his fingers, while in an engagement, the Gen. Ct. awarded him 13. May 1678, 100 acres of land. On the 20. of April 1690, he was commissioned by Gov. Robert Treat Lieut. of a foot company, under Capt. Ebenezer Johnson of Stratford, for the protection of Albany. While stationed near Albany he died of small-pox, & was buried in full uniform. A stone bearing his initials, & the date of his death 1690, marked his grave. The Indians disinterred his body, & appropriated his uniform, which spread the loathsome disease among them to such an extent, that about half the tribe were cut off. Lieut John Hubbell was thus said to have slain more enemies of the country after his death, than during his life; which horrible catastrophe was the occasion of many sermons by the clergy of the colony.* His widow m. Samuel Hawley of Stratford.

LIEUT. RICHARD 2. s. of Sergt Richard Hubbell 1. settled at Stratfield. He was one of the active nine applicants for forming the East Farmers of F. into a parish; & was a wealthy & influential planter of the town & colony. He m. Rebecca d. of Samuel & Rebecca Morehouse 5. Nov. 1685. Their children were: Peter b. 10. Aug. 1686; Ebenezer 19. Sept. 1687; Elizabeth 23. Oct. 1689, & m. Nathan Beardsley; Jonathan 25. March 1692. Mrs. Richard Hubbell died 2. April 1692. Richard Hubbell next m. Hannah Silloway of Malden, Mass. by Major Gold 12. Oct. 1692. Their children were: Zechariah b. 26. Aug. 1994; Richard 20. Oct. 1696; Hannah 7. July 1698; Eleazer 15. Aug. 1700; Nathaniel 11. Aug. 1702; Margery 17. Jan. 1705;

* Hist. of the Hubbell Family by Walter Hubbell.

Abigail 23. Sept. 1700. He died in 1838. His will is dated 12. Nov. 1734, leaving a large estate of 2845£. His eldest s. Peter settled at Newton, to whom he gave, beside other estate, "⅓ of his copper-mine, situated a little below ye Pine Swamp & ye upper ends of Stratfield bounds." The other third he gave to Richard Whitney. He left his house & home-lot, which had been his father's homestead, to his s. Zachariah. His son Nathaniel was educated & settled as a minister in New Jersey. He willed his silver tankard to the Church of Christ in Stratfield. This tankard is a very handsome piece of solid silver, & is an elegant piece of workmanship. It is still in use in the First Congregational Church at Bridgeport. On one side is engraved: "Left. Richard Hubbell's Gift to the Church of Christ in Stratfield. A. D. 1738."

LIEUT. SAMUEL 1. s. of Richard Hubbell 1. & called in his father's will sr., settled at Stratfield, was the Recorder there & Parish Clark from 1694 to 1713. He m. Elizabeth Wilson 4. April 1687 & had s. Benoni b. 29. Dec. 1687. The mother died 20. Jan. 1688. Samuel 1. next m. Temperance Preston 17, April 1688, & had Elizabeth b. 29. Dec. 1688, & died 4. Jan. 1688[2]; Jehiel 27. Jan. 1689, & died 3. May 1693; Daniel 8. Aug. 1691; Catherine 11. March 1693, & died 19. Dec. 1697; Ephraim 11. Oct. 1694; Stephen 16. Feb. 1695[6]; David 1. July 1698; Abiel 15. Jan. 1699, & died 3 March the same yr. Tabitha 24 Dec. 1700, & m. James Bennet jr; Joseph 29. Oct. 1702. "Stratfield Society Book."

EBENEZER, s. of Richard Hubbell 1. settled at New London & m. Mary d. of Gabriel Harris. Their children were Elizabeth b. 1693; Ebenezer 1695, & died 1720 (Cauthren's Hist. New London p. 338.) Ebenezer the father died 1698.

SAMUEL JR. s. of Richard Hubbell 2. settled at Fairfield & m. Elizabeth d. of —— Their children were Hannah bapt. 19. May 1695; Nathan 3. Dec. 1699, died 6. Feb. 1761; Eunice bapt. 21 March 1703; Abigail bapt. 15. July 1705; Olive 15. Feb. 1707/$_{8}$ & m. Joseph Bradley (she was the great grand mother of Justice Joseph P. Bradley of the U. S. Sup. Ct.); David. bapt. 2. Sept. 1711 & m. Martha ——; Samuel bapt. 30. May 1714. F. Par. Rec.

JAMES 1. s. of Richard Hubbell 1. first settled at Stratfield, then moved to Stratford, & finally with his son Andrew to Easton Ct. He m. Patience —— Their children were Andrew b. 22. July 1706, died 1777; Abiah 11 Aug 1708; Sarah 12 Sept 1711; Elnathan 22. Sept. 1717; Patience 8 April 1722; Stratford T. Rec. & Stratfield Society Book.

JOSEPH 1., son of Richard Hubbell 1., died in 1700 before in reaching the age of 21. His guardian was David Sherman of Stratfield.

JOHN 1. s. of Richard Hubbell 1. settled at Stratford, m. Anne Wells b. Nov. 1711. Their children were Jerusha bapt. 14 June 1713; Benjamin b. 1717, died 24 Feb. 1793; & John, who was accidentally shot by his brother Benjamin while deer hunting.*

HULL

GEORGE HULL was at Dorchester 1630, & probably came with Ludlow's company in the ship Mary and John. He was made a freeman of Mass. March 4th 1633, & a deputy of the Gen. Ct. May 14th 1634. He removed to Windsor with Ludlow's company, & was chosen deputy for that town from 1637 to 46. He then removed to F., & was granted a home-lot of 6 acres from the town. He was frequently a deputy to the Gen. Court. Most of his children were born in England, & the name of his first wife is not known. His second wife was Sarah, widow of David Phippen of Boston, whom he m. in 1654. His will is dated Aug. 2th 1659, in which year he died. In it he mentions children Josiah, Cornelius, Elizabeth, Mary (who m. Humphrey Pinney) Martha & Naomi, also cousin i.e. niece Jane Pinkney. His widow made her will the same month, in which she gave her house in Boston to her children, Benjamin, Joseph, Gamaliel, George, Rebecca

* A valuable history of the Hubbell Family has been compiled by Walter Hubbell Esqr. of Philadelphia; published by J. H. Hubbell & Co., 407 & 409 Broadway N. Y. 1881.

Vickers & Sarah Tow; & names cousins i.e. neph. Philip Pinkney, & cousin Jane Pinkney. F. Prob. Rec.

JOSIAH, probably s. of George Hull 1. settled at Windsor, & m. 20. May 1641 Elizabeth d. of Joseph Bemis. Their children were Josiah b. Sept. 1642; John 17. Dec. 1644; Elizabeth 18. Feb. 1647; Mary 2. Oct. 1648; Martha 10. June 1550; Joseph 10. Aug 1652; Sarah 9. Aug 1654; Naomi Feb 17. 1657; Rebecca 10. Aug. 1659; George 28. April 1662, who died early; & Thomas 29. May 1665. He represented Windsor in 1659, 60, & 62. He removed to Killingworth, which he represented 1667–1670 & many years after; & died 16 Nov 1675. His d. Naomi m. 4. Jan. 1677 Thomas Burnham 2. of Windsor. Sav. Gen. Dic.

CORNELIUS 1. s. of George Hull 1. b. in England in 1626, accompanied his father to F., & was granted a home-lot of 3 acres, adjoining that of his father's. He m. Rebecca d. of the Rev. John Jones. His will is dated 16. Sept 1695, in which he mentions his children Samuel, Cornelius, Theophilus, Rebecca, Sarah w. of Robert Silliman; & Martha w. of Cornelius Liston (Risden).

SAMUEL 1. s. of Cornelius Hull 1. m., first Deborah d. of James Beers 1., by whom he had Samuel, bapt. 26 April 1696. By his second wife Elizabeth d. of Sergt. Richard Hubbell 1. & widow of Joseph Frost, he had Cornelius bapt. 23. June 1700; Josiah 12. April 1702; & Sarah 28. March 1704. F. Par. Rec.

CORNELIUS 2. s. of Cornelius Hull 1., m. × Sarah d. of Ezekiel Sandford 1.; & settled at Hull's Farms. Their children were Sarah & Rebecca bapt. 26. Aug. 1694; × Nathaniel 7. April 1695; Ebenezer 20. Jan 1697; Elizabeth 15. Oct. 1699; Martha 13. July 1701; × John ——— Ebenezer 15. Sept. 1706; Cornelius 14. May 1710. G. H. Par. Rec.

GEORGE 2. s. of George Hull 1. m —— d. of —— Their children were Abigail bapt. 1. June 1712; Mary 12 July 1713; Joseph 9 Oct 1715; Abigail 4 June 1721; Thaddeus 14 April 1723. F. Par. Rec.

THEOPHILUS 1. s. of Cornelius Hull 1. m. Mary d. of Ezekiel Sanford 1. & settled at Greenfield. Their children were Mary & Anne bapt. 26. Aug 1694; Theophilus 23. May 1697: Eliphalet 30. March 1701; John 2. April 1704; Jabez 10. Feb 1705[6] Lydia 26. Feb 1720[21]; Mary 22. Sept 1723. F & G. H. Par. Rec.

NATHANIEL 1. s. of Cornelius Hull 2. b. March 1695 m. Elizabeth —— d. of —— (b. 12. April 1696). Their children were × Sarah b. 8. Nov 1717; Elizabeth 2. Aug. 1719; Hester 11. June 1721; Stephen 25. July 1724; Nathaniel 25. Feb. 1726[7]; × Peter 15. Nov. 1728; Sarah 20. Dec. 1730; Ezekiel 12. Oct. 1732; × David 10. Dec. 1734: Aaron 11. Sept. 1736; Silas 15. June 1739; Hannah 20. Jan. 1744. G. H. Par. Rec.

× ELIPHALET 1. s. of Theophilus Hull 1. bapt. 30. March 1701, m. Sarah —— (b. 27 Feb 1704) d. of ——. Their children were Miriam b. 20, Dec. 1724; Sarah 10. May 1726; Seth 23. Feb. 1728[9]; Ruth 27, March 1730; John 28. March 1732; Daniel 15, May 1734; Mary 28. March 1736. G. H. Par. Rec.

JACKSON

HENRY JACKSON was probably the man who came in the ship Elizabeth & Ann in 1635, aged 29, having taken the oath of allegiance & supremacy to the crown, & brought a certificate from the minister & Justice the Peace, in the place he resided in England, (not mentioned) of his conformity to the Church of England, & that he was no subsidy man. (Hotten's List of Emigrants to America.) In the same ship came Robert Hawkins, Nicholas St. John, & several of the Whitney family. He was at Watertown in 1637, & was, says Savage, "one of the lessees of the fishing grounds of that place." He was at F. in 1648, where Feb. 2, 1648[9], he made an agreement with the town to erect a grist-mill on the stream, running, into the west side of the Uncoway River, which he sold in 1653, to Samuel Morehouse. His home-lot was bounded n.w. with Nathan

Gold's pasture-lot, n.e. the Uncoway mill-creek at high water-mark, s.e. highway, & s.w. with his own land. He removed after selling the mill, to Pequonnock & purchased, the house & home-lot of Thomas Wheeler jr. He was made a freeman 10. Oct. 1669 & was one of the dividend land holders of the town. His will is dated 11. Nov 1682, in which he provides for a wife (Christian name not mentioned); to s. Moses housing & Ludlow's lot, except one acre at Pequonnock, land in Uncoway Indian Fields; ¼ of his pasture-lot, building-lot & long-lot; to the children of his deceased d. Hannah, who had m. Philip Galpin, 5£. each when of age; to s. Samuell land previously deeded him, several parcels of land & ¼ of his pasture-lot, building-lot & long-lot; to grand-son Moses Jackson 4 acres at Try's Field, bounded n.w. with highway that goes through the field; s.w. John Roots, s.e. the Indian Field, n.e. land that was Richard Fowles, also his Compo allotment; to s. John ¼ of his pasture-lot, building-lot & long-lot; to his grand-son Samuel Jackson, his loom & "all things thereto belonging; & to his wife his best feather-bed & bedstead, curtains & valance, & all the furniture thereto belonging; the bigest kettle and his house in town, & the least kettle, the middle iron-pot, the bell-metal skillet, the red cow & her calf, also the third part of his pewter dishes, spoons, & beer-vessels in his house at Pequonnock, the great chest & her own chests, the use of housing & lands at town, with its table, stools & chairs, with any other of the house-hold estate, except the axe, that is commonly called Dina's axe,", ⅓ of table linen, & if left alone, the old, negro woman to care for her; & 6£. per annum from sons Moses & Samuel; to s. Joseph's five children, under the guardianship of s. Samuel 5£, each of them to receive 20^{s} when of age; to Major Nathan Gold & Josiah Harvey, as over-seers of his estate 20£. Upon the death of his wife the house at F. & all things belonging to it, were to be divided between his s. Joseph's five children, allowing the eldest son a double portion. He requests that the share of his s. Joseph's widow in her father-in-law George Goodwin's estate, be paid over to the estate of Joseph's children. He entailed all his estate to his surviving male heirs, in case of the death of any one of his sons.

SAMUEL 1. s. of Henry Jackson 1. m. —— d. of —— Their children were Samuel b. ——; Nathaniel 6. March 167—; Hannah 17. March 167—, (the last figures are obliterated with age of book A. F. T. D.)

Moses 1. s. of Henry Jackson 1. m. Deborah d. of John Hide 1., 24. Oct. 1672. Their children were Rebecca b. 10. May 1674; Deborah 8. Feb. 1678. F. T. Rec.

Joseph s. of Henry Jackson 1. m. first —— d. of Lieut. Nathaniel Seeley, & second, a d. of George Goodwin 1. of F., by whom he had five children & d. young, leaving s. Joseph & two minor children, Abigail & Eleanor.—He may have left older children.

John s. of Henry Jackson 1. entered into a contract with the town of F. to build a corn & fulling mill 6. Jan. 1686, over the Uncoway River, at the present time known as Moody's Mill, near Mountain Grove Cemetery at Bridgeport. He was granted 8 acres of land on the north side of the mill, & two acres on the east side of the river & highway.

EPHRAIM JACKSON (b. Oct. 1704) & Martha Couch were m. Nov. 1727, & had son Joseph b. Nov. 1728. He m. second wife Martha Blackman June 1730, sd. Martha was b. Oct. 1708. Their children were Martha b. 8 Sept. 1731; Daniel 16 May 1733; David 28. Oct. 1736, Ephraim 10 Sept. 1741.

MARY JACKSON of Newark, presented a letter to the first Congregational Church of Pequonnock, which was accepted 20. Dec. 1697.

JENNINGS

JOSHUA JENNING'S name appears at Hartford in 1648. A great deal has been said in a blind way about his misconduct at Hartford, by writers who might far better have told precisely what he did to incur the displeasure of the Court, which was as follows: At a Particular Court held at Hartford 6. Sept. 1649, "Joshua Jennings for not watching one night, & other ill carriage to the Constable, is to pay to the watchman in his room, & is fined 2^{s}. 6^{d}." On the 3. of Nov.

1650 he again fell under the displeasure of the Court. It appears that he fled on board a ship lying in the Connecticut river from the fine imposed upon him, for which the Court fined Greenfell Lerreby 5£. & Stephen Daniels 40s., for conveying him from the power of authority. They were also ordered to deliver him up to authority, if he came on board their ship again. He settled at F. before 1656, where he always maintained an excellent reputation. He lived at Barlows Plain, & died leaving a good estate. He m. at Hartford 22 Dec. 1647 Mary Williams. He died in 1675. The date of his will is the 25. of Feb. $1674\frac{75}{}$ of the same year. He left wife Mary, to whom he gave a large part of his estate; son Joshua, to whom he left his carpenter, joiners, wheel-right & farmers tools; & divided the remainder of his estate between his sons & daughters, namely, Joshua, Joseph, Michael, John, Samuel, Matthew & Isaac; & daughters Mary & Elizabeth. His widow Mary m. George Slawson of Stamford 16 Dec. 1680.

Joshua 2. s. of Joshua Jennings 1. was not bapt. until 1. June 1712. He m. —— d. of Samuel Lyon. Their children were Mary, who m. Daniel Burr, Hannah m. Peter Sturgis, Abigail who m. Simon Couch & Moses bapt. 26 Dec 1714, & probably other children. The family of Joshua Jennings settled at Greens Farms.

Joseph s. of Joshua Jennings 1. m. Abigail d. of Robert Turney. Their children were Ebenezer & Abigail bapt. 28. Oct 1694. His second w. was Sarah d. of Thomas Bulkley. Sarah bapt. 22. Aug. 1697; Joseph 14. May 1698; Martha 11. Aug 1700; Anne 12. March $1703\frac{4}{}$; Gershom 12. March $1709\frac{10}{}$.

Samuel s. of Joshua Jennings 1. m. Sarah d. of Michael Grumman. Their children were Michael bapt. 9, Sept. 1694; Elizabeth 7, March $1696\frac{7}{}$; Patience 25, Sept 1698; Sarah 11, Feb. $1699\frac{1700}{}$ who m. Daniel Lyon; Samuel 22, March $1701\frac{2}{}$; Eunice 21, Jan $1704\frac{5}{}$; Dorothy 14, Sept. 1707; Dorothy again 13, Nov. 1709; Nathan 18, May $1710\frac{11}{}$; Benjamin 20, Sept 1713. Will dated 1728.

Matthew s. of Joshua Jennings 1., m. —— d. of ———— Their children were Matthew bapt. 5. Sept. 1697; Elizabeth 31, Oct. 1697; Daniel 7, April 1700; Jeremiah 11, April 1703; Mary 19, Aug 1705; Ruth 11, April 1708; Hannah 10, July 1720.

Isaac s. of Joshua Jennings 1. m. —— d. of Joseph Beers. Their children were Isaac bapt. 11, Oct 1702; Mary 19, Aug 1705, who m. —— Smith; John 11, May 1707; Josiah 27, May 1711; David 31, Oct 1714. His will is dated June 10, 1746, the day of his death. His tomb stone at F., makes him 73 yrs. of age.

John s. of Joshua Jennings 1. m. —— d. of ———— Their children were John bapt. 12, May 1717; Nehemiah 20, July 1718; Zechariah 22, Jan $1720\frac{21}{}$; Sarah 16, June 1723; Anne 1. Aug 1725; Hester 16 July 1727; Nehemiah 3. Aug 1729; Ephraim 26. Sept 1731; Hezekiah 7. Oct 1733; Abel 14. Dec. 1735.

Michael 1. s. of Samuel Jennings 1., m. Elizabeth d. of —— Their children were: Elizabeth & Hannah bapt. 20, Dec. 1719; Obedience 28, Aug. 1720 & perhaps others.

Jeremiah 1. s. of Mathew Jennings 1., m. Elizabeth d. of —— Their children were: Elizabeth bapt 22. Oct. 1727; Sarah 14. May 1732; Ruth 21. March 1735/6; Sarah 6. Aug. 1738; Jeremiah 21. Sept. 1743; Peter 12. June 1743.

Isaac 2. s. of Isaac Jennings 1. m. Phebe d. of ———— Their children were: Abigail bapt. 14. Sept. 1729; Seth 2. Jan. 1731/2; Moses 19. Aug. 1733; Levi Nov. 1735; Lucretia 16. Oct. 1737; Jacob 9. Dec. 1739; Hannah 16. June 1745; Ellen 22. Nov. 1747. Isaac Jennings 2. made his will Jan. 20. 1758 giving his property to his wid. Phebe, to his grand daughter Esther, d. Lucretia & to his five sons. He d. 6. March 1760, aged 58; & his will was proved on the 27. of March following. His grand daughter Esther was a d. of his son Seth, & was the grandmother of Mrs. Esther Huntington & her brother Morris Lyon of F. Mrs. Huntington is known at the present day, as the leading spirit in matters of historical interest in F.; & her honored brother, Morris Lyon, is the founder of the valualuable Fairfield Library.—Lucretia, d. of the

above Isaac 2. was the grandmother of the late Frederick Marquand of Southport, & of his brother Henry Marquand of New York city. Frederick Marquand erected the Marquand Chapel of Yale College. He gave a fine library & building for its use at Southport, besides other liberal gifts elsewhere. Henry Marquand is widely known for his munificent art donations to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

ISAAC 3 s of Isaac Jennings 2., d. Jan. 9. 1819, aged 75 yrs. His children were Elizabeth, Abigail, Phebe, Abraham Gould Jennings of Brooklyn, Anna, Isaac 4. Seth & Polly. The representatives of this last Isaac 4 Jennings at Fairfield, are Oliver Burr Jennings, & Charles Buelkley Jennings s. of the late Hon. Isaac Jennings.

The heirs of Joshua Jennings 1. for many years made fruitless efforts to establish a lawful claim to the vast estate of William Jennings of Acton Place, born in 1701 & who d. 29 June 1798, leaving estates in eleven counties in England, & millions in pounds sterling in nearly all the banks of London. To establish such a claim, & to link the heirs of Joshua Jennings, who d. in 1675, with William Jennings of Acton place who d, in 1798, would be a remarkable undertaking. The property of this rich William Jennings was claimed in part, by the Baroness Howe, a daughter of the celebrated Admiral Howe, through a claim of intermarriage with the Jennings family with that of Curzens. The Earl Beuchamp (or Becham), also claimed heirship. Some clue in this way, may be given to Robert Beacham or Beuchamp of early Greens Farms. This William Jennings was the only child of Robert Jennens & Ann daughter & heir of Carew Guidott Esqr. of Hampshire, while Robert J. was the fifth son & heir of Humphrey Jennens, an iron master of Birmingham Eng. who married Mary Milward. This William Jennings was at one time a page to King William III, who was his godfather. He was also a nephew of Sarah Jennings, a maid of honor & the favorite of Queen Ann, who married the great Duke of Marlborough.

No record of the birth Joshua Jennings or of his parentage, has ever been found in England or America.

The descendents of Joshua Jennings settled at Fairfield, Pequonnock, Green's Farms, Greenfield & throughout the county of F., & are to be found in almost every state of the Union, until they have become in numbers like the sands upon the sea shore. Many distinguished men & women belong to this family, among whom was Capt. Nathan Jennings of Fairfield Woods, whose daughter Mary m. the late Commodore Reid of the United States Navy, & who was one of twenty ladies to embroider and make the first flag, with its stars & stripes, of the United States. Mrs. Reid was also the mother of Madam de Cesnola, the wife of the distinguished General de Cesnola, President of the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York City

Francis A. White, the president of the Danbury & Boston R.R. Co. is also a descendent of this family, his mother having been Marietta d. of John Jennings 2. as follows :

JOHN 2. s. of John Jennings 1. m Sarah ——— who resided at Greenfield. Their children were Thaddeus, b. 31. Aug. 1732, Aaron b. 31. Sept. 1734, Susan b. 28. March 1741, Mary b. 5. Dec. 1743, David b. 27. June 1746, Josiah b. 15: Sept. 1748, Sarah b. 14. April 1751, Joel b. 13 July 1753.—G. H. Par Rec.

THADDEUS 2. s of Thaddeus Jennings 1.; b. 31. Aug. 1732, m. Lavinia Burrit of New Haven. Their children were Burrit b. 14. Jan. 1759, Appollina b. 8. March 1761, Philoman b. 27. March 1763, Sylvinus b. 5. May 1765, Thaddeus b. 21. June 1767.—G. H. Par. Rec. —Besides the above he had ds. Susan & Polly.

PHILEMAN 1. s. of Thaddeus Jennings 2., m. ——— Beach, & had the following children Beach, Charles, Maritta & Ann. Marietta Jennings m. Elijah White of Franklin Del. Co. N. Y. in 1819, & had five children as follows : Maria H., Francis A., Charles J., Ann Eliza & George F. Francis A. White is a descendant of Peregrine White, who was born on the ship Mayflower in 1620.

THE JESUP OR JESSUP FAMILY

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EDWARD JESSUP, the ancestor of the Fairfield family of this name, was an Englishman, and probably from Yorkshire. He was a citizen of Stamford in 1649. Earlier than this he may have been in Fairfield, as the town records show that in 1653 he sold land on Sasco Neck. In 656 he had removed to Middleborough (Newtown) Long Island, where he was a magistrate under the Dutch Government from 1659 to 1662. Subsequently he became one of the original patentees of West Farms, Westchester Co., N. Y. In 1663 the Connecticut colony, which claimed jurisdiction, appointed him "Commissioner" (magistrate) for the town of Westchester, and again in 1664, while in 1665 he represented the same town at a meeting of deputies convened at Hempstead, L. I., by Gov. Nicolls of N. Y. His will bears date 6 Aug., 1666, the year of his death, and is one of the earliest English wills recorded in New York city.

His wife's name was *Elizabeth*, presumably the sister of John Burroughs of Newtown, to whom he refers in his will as his "beloved brother-in-law," and who for many years was clerk of that town, where his descendants are still found. In 1668, the widow married Robert Beacham (Beauchamp) of Fairfield and removed there with her two younger children. They lived in the present parish of Green's Farms, then called Bankside, and now within the town of Westport.

The children of Edward and Elizabeth Jessup were three :

1. ELIZABETH, who before 1666 married *Thomas Hunt, Jr.*, the son of Thomas Hunt of Westchester, N. Y. They had four sons and three daughters and from them descend the Hunts of Hunt's Point in the same town. The late Justice Ward Hunt of the United States Supreme Court, was of this family, as also his kinsman Hon. James B. Hunt, member of Congress from Michigan 1853–1857. (See Hunt Genealogy.)

2. HANNAH who married *Joseph* —— (perhaps Joseph Lockwood, Beacham's son-in-law) and lived in Green's Farms, and died before the mother.

3. EDWARD, born in 1663, who came to Fairfield when five years old, and through whom the name has been perpetuated to the present time.

EDWARD JESSUP above, of the second generation, in 1692 married *Elizabeth Hide*, granddaughter of Humphrey Hide of Fairfield, and their descendants are very numerous and widely scattered throughout the country. About 1720 they both removed to Stamford, where they died. They lie buried in an old cemetery near Noroton river, now within the town of Darien.

Their children were nine, all born in Green's Farms :

1. ELIZABETH, born 11 Feb., 1693, married *John Smith*, and lived near Greenfield Hill. They had eleven children, seven of them sons.

2. HANNAH married *John, son of Jonathan Reynolds*, and lived in Greenwich.

3. ABILENA, baptized 13 Sept., 1696, married John Darling of Fairfield, and lived near Greenfield Hill. They had four sons and one daughter.

4 EDWARD, baptized 7 March, 1697, took the homestead farm, when his father went to Stamford. He was known as "Capt. Edward," and married, 7 Dec., 1724, *Sarah Blackleach*, daughter of Richard Blackleach of Stratford. They had seven children. Of the two sons Blackleach Jesup of Wilton was three times married, and the father of nineteen children. He was the ancestor of Major-General Thomas S. Jesup, U. S. A. (a grandson), Col. Samuel Blackleach Jesup of Kentucky, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jesup Eames, the poetess. Edward C. Delavan Esqr. of New York city (Yale College, class 1836), is a grandson.

The second son, Dr. Ebenezer Jesup (Y. C. class of 1760), was a physician of repute. He succeeded to the homestead in Green's Farms, which was afterwards destroyed at the burning of Fairfield by the British in 1779. He was a surgeon in the Revolution, a Justice of the Peace, an officer in the Green's Farms Church for many years, and greatly respected. Like his brother, he

also was thrice married; 1st. to Eleanor Andrews, 2d. Abigail Squire, 3d. Anna Wyncoop. He had eleven children. The late Major Ebenezer Jesup of Westport was his son, and the village of Saugatuck, which preceded the town organization, was largely the result of his energy and business enterprise. James R. Jesup Esqr. (Y. C. 1840), a lawyer, and Morris K. Jesup Esqr., banker, President of the Museum of Natural History, etc., both of New York city, are great-grand children, as was also Hon. Edward Jesup Wood, Judge of the Supreme Court of Indiana.

Through the daughters of Capt. Edward, there is an extensive connection with families of other and well known Fairfield names. "Jesup" as a Christian name occurs in no less than nine families. Judge Jesup Couch of Ohio (Y. C. 1802), Major-General Darius Nash Couch of Norwalk, Horace Staples Esqr. of Westport, and Hon. Jedd P. C. Cottrill (University of Vt. 1852), a distinguished lawyer in Milwaukee, Wis., are descendants of Elizabeth Jesup, the sister of Blackleach and Dr. Ebenezer above mentioned. Another sister married Stephen Wakeman (Y. C. 1738), whose descendants are still numerous and influential in the town.

5. JOSEPH, baptized 4 July, 1699, married *Abigail James* and lived in Stamford, and subsequently in Dutchess Co., N. Y. His three sons, Edward, Joseph and Ebenezer, settled in Albany Co. in that state. They were men of education and the friends of Sir Wm. Johnson, and received from the colonial government of New York, very large grants of land located near the head waters of the Hudson river. Jessup's Falls and Jessup's Landing near Luzerne were named for them. This family were loyalists, and about 1777 removed to Canada, where Joseph the father soon after died in Montreal. All the sons were officers in Gen. Burgoyne's army. The late James Jessup Esqr. of Brockville, lawyer and member of the Dominion Parliament, was a grandson of Major Edward Jessup. Another grandson is Dr. Hamilton Dibble Jessup, for many years Collector of Customs at Prescott, Ont. Among the descendants of Col. Ebenezer Jessup are Admiral Sir Wm. N. W. Hewett, V. C. of the English Navy, and his brothers, Major J. M. M. Hewett of the English Army, and Edward Hyde Hewett Esqr., Consul at Fernando Po.

6. DEBORAH, baptized 12 July, 1702, married *Obadiah Stevens* and lived in Middlesex, now Darien.

7. JONATHAN, born 3 Aug., 1707, and lived in Greenwich. His wife's name was *Sarah*, and they had eight children (six sons), and a very numerous posterity. Rufus A. Lockwood of Indiana, whose real name was Jonathan Trumbull Jessup, a brilliant but eccentric lawyer, was of this branch of the family, as are also Charles A. Jessup, M.D. of St. Louis, Mo., Wm. H. Webb of New York city, the ship builder, and Luke A. Lockwood Esqr. of Greenwich (Trinity College 1855), a member of the New York Bar, and a trustee of his college.

8. SARAH, baptized 15 March, 1713, married *Lieut. Jonathan Dibble* of New York city and afterwards of Stamford. They had one son (George) and four daughters. Two of these daughters married their cousins Major Edward and Col. Ebenezer Jessup the loyalists. Col. George E. Waring Jr. of Washington, D. C., the civil engineer and author, and James B. Cooper Esq. of Babylon N. Y. belong here.

9. EBENEZER, baptized 15 March, 1714, a sea-captain, who made many voyages, and died at Stamford, unmarried.

The later generations have largely emigrated from the State of Connecticut, and found homes in New York, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, Washington, D. C., the Pacific states, Canada, etc. (See Genealogy of the Family).

JONES

JOANES, JONES.—But little is known of the history of the Rev. John Joanes who became the first minister of F. in 1644. Some writers state that he was the son of the Rev. Wm Jones of Abergarveny, in Monmouthshire, Wales; but this account, as well as the statement that he was matriculated at Jesus College, Cambridge 30. April 1624 at the age of 17, is disputed by writers of

the present day. He, however, had been educated, & regularly ordained a clergyman of the Church of England. He married in the mother country, & had several children born there. He settled at Concord, Mass., & on the 6. April 1637, was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church, gathered there July 1636. At the same time the Rev. Peter Buckley was ordained teacher. Both gentlemen, before their ordination, were called upon to renounce their Episcopal vows, and express regret that they had ever been ministers in the Church of England ; which harsh requirement, was the cause of a considerable comment among the magistrates & ministers of the colonies.* The feelings of those who had been silenced for non-conformity, were in some cases very bitter. Soon difficulty arose about the support of two ministers ; & great dissatisfaction prevailed in the settlement in regard to barren soil, & marshy land. Many emigrated to other plantations ; & as some turned their faces towards Fairfield, Mr. Joanes resolved to join the latter company & view the beautiful country, of which such glowing accounts had been given him.

Cotton Mather divided the first ministers of New England into three classes ; 1. those who were "in the *actual exercise* of their ministry when they left *England*, & were the instruments of bringing the *gospel* into the wilderness ;" 2. *young scholars* whose *education* for their designed ministry, not being finished, yet came from *England* with their friends, & had their education perfected in this country ; 3. "all such *ministers* as came over to *New England*, after the re-establishment of the Episcopal-church-government in *England*, & the *persecution* which then hurricanoed such as were *non-conformists* unto the establishment." † Mr. Joanes is ranked among those of the first class. "The occasion," continues Mr. Mather, "upon which those excellent *ministers* retired into a horrid wilderness of *America*, was the violent *persecutions*, wherewith a prevailing party in the Church of *England* harrassed them. In their own land they were hereby deprived, not only of their *livings*, but also of their *liberty*, to exercise their ministry, which was dearer to them than their *livings*, yea, than their very lives : & they were exposed unto extreme *sufferings*, because they conscientiously dissented from the use of some things in the worship of God, which they accounted sin."

"Some of the *ministers*, & many of the gentlemen that came over with the *ministers*, were persons of considerable estates ; who therewith charitably brought over many *poor-families* of godly people, that were not of themselves able to bear the charges of their transportation ; & they were generally careful also to bring over none but *godly* servants in their *own families*, who afterwards by God's blessing on their industry have arrived, many of them, unto such pleasant estates, that they have had occasion to think of the advice, which a famous person, gave in a public sermon, at their first coming over ; "*you* (said he) *that are servants, mark what I say ; I desire & exhort you to be kind awhile hence, unto your master's children. It wont be long before, you that came with nothing into the country, will be rich men, when your masters, having buried their rich estates in the country, will go near to leave their families in a mean condition ; wherefore when it shall be well with you, I charge you to remember them.*"

* Shattuck's Hist. Concord, & Lechford's Plain Dealing.

† Cotton Mather mentions a fourth class of ministers, whom he ranks under the head of *anomalies of New England*, of whom he confesses that some of them deserve to live in his book for their *piety ;* "although their peculiar *opinions*, were such as to be disserviceable unto the declared & supposed *interests* of our churches. . . . There were also some godly *Episcopalians ;* among whom has been commonly reckoned Mr. Blackstone, who by happening to sleep first in an hovel, upon a point of land there, laid claim to all the grounds, whereupon now stands the *metropolis* of the whole *English America*, until the inhabitants gave him satisfaction. This man was indeed of a peculiar humor, & he would never join himself to any of our churches, giving this reason for it : '*I came from England, because I did not like the lord-bishops; but I cant join with you, because I would not be under the lord-brethren.*' "--Magnalia Vol. 1. B. 3. p. 221.

The fact is, the Rev. John Blackstone was a clergyman of the Church of England who had been silenced for non conformity, & came to this country with Sir Fernando Gorge's party. He remained here with few others, after Gorges & his company returned to England, & regularly purchased of the Indians the greater part of Boston which he had owned about eight years before the arrival of the Massachusetts Bay Company.

From the valuable autobiography of the Rev. Thomas Shepard, it is found that the Rev. John Joanes was a fellow passenger in the ship Defence from London, which arrived at Boston on the 3. of Oct. 1635; yet neither the names of the Reverends Messrs. Thomas Shepard or John Jones,* Hugh Peters, John Norton or John Wilson, who came with him, appear in the Custom House list of passengers. It is possible that they came under assumed names, as many efforts had been made to detain Mr. Shepard in England, & Mr. Wilson had suffered for non-conformity; in fact, it was a difficult matter for either ministers or persons of note to escape from England, while under the ban of non-conformity, without imminent danger of seizure & imprisonment.†

The names of Mr. Joanes family, however, appear in the Custom House list of passengers who came in the ship Defence at that time, viz.: "Sarah Jones his wife aged 34, & his children Sarah Jones aged 15, John Jones 11, Ruth 7, Theophilus 3, Rebecca 2, & Elizabeth 6 months."

In Cotton Mather's Life of the Rev. John Wilson he says: "Having dispatched his affairs in *England*, he again embarked for New England, in company with four ministers, & nearly two hundred passengers, whereof some were persons of considerable quality: but they had all been lost by a large leak sprang in the ship, if God had not, on a day of solemn *fasting* & *prayer* kept on board for that purpose, mercifully, discovered this dangerous leak unto them." In his life of the Rev. Thomas Shepard, he writes, "that the perils which Mr. Shepard suffered from his own countrymen, compelled him once more to encounter the perils of the sea, so that in July 1635, he sailed from Gravesend, in a bottom too decayed & feeble indeed for such a voiage; but yet well accommodated with the society of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Joanes & other christians, which more significantly make good the name of the ship, *The* Defence. In the first storm the vessel sprang a leak, which let in the water faster than both pump were able to turn it out; a leak eighteen inches long & an inch wide; but it was, though with much difficulty, stopped, just as they were upon diverting into Ireland for safety. Being thus again delivered, they got into New England, & on the 3. of Oct. they were set ashore at Boston."

From a letter written by the Rev. John Joanes to Governor Winthrop soon after he settled at Fairfield, it would appear that upon his arrival in New England, he was entertained by Governor Winthrop in the great house at Boston.

Not long after his coming, he accompanied the Rev. Peter Bulkley & their followers to Musketaquid or Concord. The description of this journey by Johnson, in his Wonder-working Providence or Zion's Saviour, is of the most touching character.

It appears that Mr. Joanes was not at first altogether satisfied with Fairfield, which he expressed in the following letter. The increasing population, however, & the society of his children & friends soon raised his spirits & he became content to remain among them.

"To the Worᶠᵘˡˡ Mr. John Winthrope at Pequot these present, Leave this letter wᵗʰ Mr. "Hopkins at Hartford to be sent.

Fairfield Mar. 5—46 [-7].

"Sr Yoʳˢ of Feb. 22. I received, being very sorrye yᵗ my absence from home at yᵉ time when "yᵒʳ messenger came hither, hath deprived of soe fit an oppertunity of returning an answeare. I "I perceue by yᵗ letter yᵗ Adam, yᵉ Indian hath informed yow how yᵉ case stands wᵗʰ me. "And indeed I, despairing of a convenient passage vnto yow before yᵉ Spring, did engage myselfe "to keepe a lecture here vntill yᵉ season of yᵉ yeare would permitt me to remoue, soe that my "engagements here being ended wᵗʰ the winter, it is my desire, & full resolution (if God permitt)

* "The Rev. John Joanes, was as his name implies, of Welsh extraction. The family in Wales bearing his patronymic, however, are so numerous, that an attempt to trace his pedigree from any published records, would seem to be a task almost impossible."—New York Gen & Biogl Record.

† "That which made the hardships of the Puritans leaving England most discouraging, was the terrible zeal of their enemies to guard all ports & search all ships, that none of them should be carried off."—Magnalia Vol 1. B. 2, p. 100.

"to take y^e^ first opportunity of coming to yow, either by land or water. For other passages in "y^or^ letter, I hope to answeare them by word of mouth shortly. In y^e^ meantime, I desire "y^or^ praires for y^e^ guidance of heawen, & w^th^ my seruice & respects being duly rendered to y^or^ "selfe & Mrs. Winthrope, w^th^ love to all y^or^ little ones, & little Margaret, I remaine,

"Yo^rs^ in all observance,

"John Jones."

He died in January 1665, probably about the time he made his will, which is dated 17. Jan, 1664[5]. In his will, he mentions his wife Susanna, showing that his first wife Sarah had died, & that he had m. either before coming to F. or soon after Susanna —— a widow. It is to be regretted that some account of Mrs. Jones maiden name, & that of her first husband cannot be found. In A. of Town Deeds is the following record: 1 "Dec 1688. Thomas Disborow, with the consent of his mother-in-law Susanna Jones, & Mercy, wife of said Thomas Disborow," purchased land at Compo. Her d. by her first husband was no doubt the witch Mercy Disborow of Compo, who, with Mrs. Thomas Staples & others were tried at F. in 1692, & afterwards pardoned. Mr. Jones gave his wife Susannah 50£, his silver cup, & the remainder of his lot adjoining his orchard, as her own forever; & also the use of 12 acres in the great meadow & his orchard, which, at her death were to be divided among his children John, Eliphalet, & his four d s Sarah (Widow Ruth James), Rebecca Hull & Elizabeth Hill. To his eldest s. John he gave a part of his library "to wit, the works of Augustine, Chrysostom, & the authors (usually called the fathers); & the remainder of his estate to his s. Eliphalet & his daughters. Mrs. Jones sold the house & home-lot of about one acre to Thomas Bennet of F., & moved to Compo. Thomas Bennet re-sold this Jones place 17. Dec. 1691 to John Edwards.

Sarah Joanes m. Thomas, s. of the Rev. Peter Buckley of Concord, Mass., & came with him to F. in 1644. Her second husband was Anthony Wilson of F. Ruth who first m. —— James, & afterwards probably m. Richard s. of John Bouton of Norwalk. He died in 1665 leaving an only child Ruth & widow Ruth, & the F. Town Rec. state that she & her children received land from her father & mother 1. Feb. 1692. Rebecca Joanes m. Cornelius Hull of F., Elizabeth m. William Hill 2., the town recorder.

John Jones 2., s. of the Rev. John Joanes of F. graduated at H. C. in 1643, & was made a freeman in 1645. He studied for the ministry, & was employed as a preacher in the western part of Nevis, one of the Summer or Bermuda Islands. He died soon after he went there, & his widow Mary came to Ct. with their only son John Jones; &, as his guardian, sold his interest in his father & grand-father Joanes' estate at F. to John Bulkley. Mrs. Jones soon after her return m. John Osborn of New Haven, & by her will, dated 27. Dec. 1673, says Savage, gave most of her estate of 308£. to her two sons John & David, & her d. Mercy the wife of John Austin. Theophilus probably died at Concord, Mass.

Eliphalet Jones, the youngest son, born 9. Jan 1641, entered Harvard College in 1662, but did not graduate, probably on account of his father's death, & want of means to complete his course. In 1664 he was appt. with others by the Gen. Ct. to assist in settling an orthodox minister at Rye. He appears to have been a very popular preacher. He was made a freeman of Greenwich in 1669, in which year he received a call to Jamaica L. I. which he declined. In 1670 the town of Fairfield called him to be an assistant of the Rev. Wakeman, which he also declined. In 1672 he removed from Greenwich to Stamford, & became an assistant of the Rev. John Bishop; but by an invitation of the Gen. Ct. he preached once a fortnight at Rye. While in Stamford he m. Martha, sister of Thomas Lawrence of that place.* In 1675 he was called to preach at the

* Will of Thomas Lawrence, F. Prob. Files.
Will of Mrs. Anthony Wilson, F. Prob. Rec.

First Presbyterian Church of Huntington L. I.; but was not regularly ordained over that church until after the death of its former pastor, the Rev. William Leverich in 1677, after which time he permanently settled there. He was "a man of great purity & simplicity of manners, & a faithful & successful preacher." He died at the advanced age of 91 years, & did not require an assistant until he had attained the age of 78. when the Rev. Ebenezer Prime [the ancestor of the distinguished Rev's Samuel I., Edward D. G. Prime, Irenaeus Prime & Wm. C. Prime of New York] was called to assist him. He died childless, "& bequeathed his estate to his sister's son Eliphalet Hill, his namesake, who, in his declining years, took care of him, & managed his affairs." He was buried on a beautiful eminence, at the east end of Main St. Fifty years afterward the British demolished the church, & with its timbers erected block-houses & barracks over the graves, which were leveled for that purpose, using the tomb stones for building their fire-places & ovens. "One veritable chronicler tells us how he heard from lips of living witnesses, that they had seen these soldiers draw their loaves of bread from these ovens, having the reversed inscriptions of the tomb-stones of their friends on the lower crust!" About a century afterwards, those who still cherished his memory, erected a plain cenotaph in their public burial ground, bearing the following inscription: "In Memory of Rev. Eliphalet Jones, who was the only settled Minister in Huntington, from 1676 to 1723. He was born in Concord, Massachusetts, and died between 1730 and 1740, near 100 years old." New York Gen. & Biog'l Record, April 1875—Vol. 6. p. 57.

THOMAS JONES, perhaps a brother of the Rev. John Joanes, or may have been an older son than those mentioned above, settled at Concord, Mass., & afterwards at F. He was granted a home-lot of 2½ acres on the s. w. side of the Newton Square; & was made a freeman in 1669. He deeded to his son Thomas his house, home-lot & lands at F. & removed to Huntington L. I.

JOY

JACOB JOY was invited to settle in F. as a blacksmith, an occupation in colonial days, honored & respected by the highest dignitaries of the town. A village black-smith in those days, had his place on the Meeting-house Green, near the church, & combined the art of lock-smith & gun-smith, with that of horse-shoeing. He removed to Kenilworth, where on the 23. of May 1672, he m. Elizabeth d. of William Spencer of Hartford, & widow of William Wellman of New London & Kenilworth. Their children were Deborah b. 23. Feb. 1673; Jacob 14. March 1675; Walter 14. Aug 1677; & Mary 17. Sept 1680. Deborah m. 19. Nov. 1691 Andrew Ward 3. s. of Andrew 2. of Kenilworth, & grandson of Andrew Ward 1. of F. Mary m. 1699 Peter s. of Andrew Ward 2. of K. (Savage's Gen. Dic.).

JOSEPH JOY of F., before setting out on an expedition against the French, via Albany to Canada, made the following disposition of his estate to his loving cousins i.e. nieces and nephews; to Joseph Benit 5£. & two sheep; to Deborah Joy a cow & calf; to Mary Joy his black two year old heifer, & "to Walter Joy, the son of his brother Jacob," all the rest of his estate. (F. Prob. Files.) Jacob & Joseph Joy therefore, were either of the Boston, or Hingham Joy family.

The Joy family in later years, appear at F. & Pequonnock & intermarried with the Elliots of F.

KNAP

ROGER KNAP was at New Haven between 1643 & 47. He afterwards settled at F. & owned a good estate. In his will of 21. March 1672[3], he provided for his widow Elizabeth; gave to s. Jonathan 80. acres of his long-lot; to Josiah 50. acres of his long-lot; to d. Lydia 10£; to s. Roger, his house & home-lot, pasture-lot, & other lands; to John & Nathaniel, the remainder of his long-lot, to be equally divided between them; to ds Elizabeth & Mary 5£. each. Jonathan died young, leaving a small estate inventoried 1. Feb. 1676.

JOSIAH s. of Roger Knap 1. m. —— d. of ——— Their children were Mary b. 7. Nov. 1677 ; Jonathan 21. April 1680. F. T. Rec.

ROGER 2. s. of Roger Knap 1. of F. died in 1691, & gave the use of his estate to his mother, & at her death to his brother Nathaniel. In case of their death to his sister's children. His estate fell to Susannah, Charles & Alexander Lane, the children of Charles Lane. who m. Elizabeth the sister of said Roger Knap. His will was probated 23. Sept. 1691.

KNOWLES

ALEXANDER KNOWLES was made a freeman of Mass. 7 Dec. 1636. He was appointed commissioner in place of Mr. Allen, to form a code of laws for the Gen. Ct. of Mass. 7. Oct. 1645. He sold land in Kittiry, abutting on Pascataqua River 14. Oct. 1651 to that colony.—[Mass. Col. Rec. Vol. 3, p. 4, 6, 252, 253.] He removed to Fairfield, & purchased 17. Jan. 1653, Henry Whelpley's house & home-lot on the s. w. corner of the Frost Square. He became prominent in public affairs, & was elected one of the assistant judges of the Gen. Ct. of Conn. Dec. 1658. He died Dec. 1663. In his will he mentions s's John & Joshua & d. Eliza, wife of Thomas Ford of Milford, & her five children. He may have had other children.

JOHN 1. s. of Alexander Knowles 1. settled at F., & was made a freeman in 1664. He m. Sarah d. of John Cable 1. Their children were John & Joshua ; Rebecca who m. Jonathan More. house of F.; Sarah who first m. Capt. Samuel Wakeman 2., & second Dougal MacKenzie of F.; & Elizabeth who first m. Joseph Bulkley of F , & second Rev. Joseph Bishop of Stamford, Ct; John the father died in 1686. A. F. T. D.

JOSHUA s. of Alexander Knowles 1. m. —— d. of Sergt. John Wheeler. He died intestate. His property was divided 26. March 1715, between his children as follows: d. Hannah wife of Joseph Camp ; Lydia wife of —— Newton ; Joseph, Mary & John Rogers, & Sarah wife of Abraham Nichols. A. F. T. D.

RICHARD KNOWLES was in F. as early as 1649. I am inclined to believe that he was the Richard K. of Cambridge, mentioned by Savage as having died at Hampton 1. Feb. 1682.

Thomas Mayo of F. m. Barbara d. of Richard Knowles of Plymouth 13. June 1677. (Savage's Gen. Dic.) John Mayhue alias Cohue died at F. 19. Jan. 1685. F. T. R.

LOCKWOOD

ROBERT LOCKWOOD came from England in 1630, requested to be made a freeman, which was granted 9. March 1631 ; in 1635 he was at Watertown, where he was executor on the estate of Edmund Lockwood (probably his brother), & with his consent the disposal of the children of said Edmund L. was referred to the church of W. Governor John Haynes & Simon Broadstreete were appointed to give them into the care of such persons as they thought meet, honorably acquitting Robert Lockwood. (Mass. Col. Rec.) He m. Susanna Senison or St. John, by whom he had Jonathan b. 10. Sept. 1634 ; Deborah 12. Oct. 1636 ; Joseph 6. Aug. 1638 ; Daniel 25. March 1640 ; Ephraim 1. Dec. 1641 ; Gershom 6. Sept. 1643, all b. at Watertown. (Savage's Gen. Dic.) He removed to Fairfield about 1645, & had John, Abigail, Sarah, Mary & Deborah. He died in 1658, leaving widow Susanna, & all the above children mentioned in his will. His widow m. Jeffrey Ferris of Stamford, who had been the guardian of her minor children. Abigail Lockwood m. John Barlow 2. of F. Mary m. Jonathan Huestead of Greenwich.

LIEUT. JONATHAN s. of Robert Lockwood 1. settled at Stamford, & m. Mary d. of ——— Their children were Jonathan, Robert, Gershom, Joseph, John, & perhaps others. He sold his estate in Stamford in 1665, & removed to Greenwich ; was deputy to the Gen. Ct. of Conn. 1671, 3, 4, & 6. Savage's Gen. Dic.

SERGT. JOSEPH 1. s. of Robert Lockwood 1. settled at Bankside, & m. Isabelle the only child of Robert Beacham or Beauchamp, by whom he had four children, Robert, Susanna, John & Sarah.

He died in 1717, in which year his will dated 17. June 1715, was probated. His wife, son Robert & d. Susannah wife of Nathaniel Burr 2., had died before him. In his will he gives lands and 10£ each to Robert & Daniel & other unnamed children of his son Robert ; to d. Susanna's children, Nathaniel, Ephraim, Sarah & Ann Burr he gave land, & movable estate ; to s. John, whom he made his executor, he left the remainder of his estate, with houses & buildings. To Nell, his negro slave, he gave the privilege of living with whom she pleased.—F. Prov. Rec.

DANIEL 1. s. of Robert Lockwood 1. settled at Bankside & m. Abigail d. of Daniel Burr 1. s. of the first Jehue B., & died early in 1692, leaving s. Daniel aged 22 ; Abigail aged 17, wife of Samuel Robinson ; Mary aged 10 ; in his will of 1691[2], he mentions brothers Joseph Lockwood & Matthew Sherwood. F. Prob. Rec.

EPHRAIM 1. s. of Robert Lockwood 1. settled at Norwalk, & m. 8. June 1665, Mary d. of Matthias Sension or St. John. & had John b. 19. March 1666 ; Daniel 13. Aug 1668 ; Sarah 3. Nov. 1670 ; Ephraim 1. May 1673 ; Eliphalet 27. Feb. 1676 ; Joseph 1. April 1680 & James 21. April 1683, all named in his will of 13. Jan. 1685[6], about which time he died. Savage's Gen. Dic.

GERSHOM 1. s. of Robert Lockwood 1. settled at Greenwich. He m. —— d. of John Burwell & in his will had a son Gershom. Savage's Gen. Dic. Of him I find no more.

It is probable that Robert Lockwood 1. who m. Susannah St. John, was a near kinsman of the Bulkleys, from which family the names of Gershom & Eliphalet were given to his grand children. The St. Johns were a distinguished family in England. The Rev. Peter Bulkley, in a letter addressed to the Rev. John Cotton of Boston, in regard to greater pains being needed in printing the Bible, wrote : "I intend to write to my nephew St. John about it. A word from yourself & Mr. Goodwin, who is a man of so much respect there, would do much good." Shattuck's Hist. Concord.

A valuable account of the Stamford & Poundridge branch of the Lockwoods, is to be found in Bolton's valuable Hist of Westchester County. See also Hall's Hist. of Norwalk, & Huntington's Hist. of Stamford. Many of this name have been graduates of the colleges of Yale & Trinity, & among them the well known lawyer, Luke Lockwood of Greenwich, Ct.

LORD

ROBERT LORD 1. m. Esther d. of Dr. William Ward & widow of Eliphalet Hill of F. His children were Mary bapt. 21. Aug. 1698 ; Abigail 5. April 1700 ; Sarah 29. March 1702, & Robert. F. Par. Rec.

ROBERT 2. s. of Robert Lord 1. m. Rachel d. of ——— & settled at Greenfield. Their children were Esther b. 7. Nov. 1731 ; Mary 10. Feb. 1733[4] ; Samuel 8. April 1736. G. H. Par. Rec.

LYON

The Lyons were found in Dorchester, Roxbury, Salem, & other places in the Mass. Col., as early 1635.

Richard Lyon was at F. as early as 1649, where his house and home-lot of 2 acres, is recorded Jan. 1653[4] ; was made a freeman in 1664 (Col. Rec. Conn 1. 432). In 1673 he recorded five acres of land at Barlow's Plain, & 18½ acres on the Rocks, granted him for a building lot, bounded n. w. & s. e. with a highway. In his will dated 12, April 1678 he mentions s. Moses, to whom he gave ½ of the length of the homeward side of his land at Pequonnock, ½ of the whole length of his long-lot on the s. w. side, other lands, his gun, a rapier, his biggest pewter platter, & confirmed lands to him, which he had already given him. To his s. Richard he gave, when of age, ½ of his land at Pequonnock, 150 acres of the length of his long-lot east of Moses' part, & other lands. To s. William ½ of his land at Pequonnock, ½ of the length of his long-lot, east of s.

Richard's share, & other lands, his long gun, buck-sword & belt. To his wife Margaret, he gave 60£. & the use of his house, home-lot &c, while she remained his widow, & the use of Joseph's & Samuel's land during their minority. To his ss. Samuel & Joseph he gave the homestead when they became of age, ½ of the length of his long-lot, to be divided between them, & other lands. To d. Hester w. of Nathaniel Perry 4£.; & to her husband Nathaniel for his s. Joseph 3£. "in carting & plowing." To ds, Betty, Hannah, & Abigail 40£. each out of his moveable estate when 19 years of age. He entailed each ss. & ds. portion in case any one of them died, to his surviving children. He also gave to his cousin Mary Fitch 7£.

MOSES 1. s. of Richard Lyon 1. m. Mary —— d. of ——— & died before 1696. F. T. D.

Richard 2. s. of Richard Lyon 1. m. —— d. of —— Their children were Samuel, Ebenezer, & Sarah, all bapt. 5 April 1696; Daniel 3. Oct. 1697; Nathan 13. Feb. 1703¼; Jonathan 1. June 1708. F. Par. Rec.

WILLIAM s. of Richard Lyon 1. m. —— d. of —— Their children were Nathaniel bapt. 9. Sept. 1694; Benjamin 8. Sept. 1700; Eunice 16. Sept. 1716; Tabitha 22. Jan. 1720²⁄₁₁. F. Par. Rec.

SAMUEL 1. s. of Richard Lyon 1. settled at G. H., & m. Susanna —— d. of ——. Their children were John, Samuel, James, Margaret, all bapt. 12. March 1704½; Abigail 12. May 1706; Ephraim bapt. 27. Sept. 1708; Anne 6. Aug. 1710; Jemimah 1. April 1713. F. & G. H. Par. Rec.

JOSEPH s. of Richard Lyon 1. m. Abigail —— d. of ———. Their children were Joseph bapt. 28 July 1695; David 27. June 1697. F. Par. Rec.

This family settled at Pequonnock, Greenfield, Green's Farms & Westport.

Thomas Lyon, probably a brother of Richard 1. purchased in 1654 a house of Thomas Shervington at F. He may have been here long before this date, but this appears to be the first record in his name. He shared in all the land dividends in the township. Savage has fallen into an error, when he supposes "that he died or was killed by the Indians while underr Capt. Turner in the Fall's Fight & victory, 19 May 1667." The fact is, he survived & sold his home-lot at F. 1. Nov. 1675 to Daniel Frost 2., and removed from F. to Greenwich. The point of land extending out into Long Island Sound, on the east side of Byram River, was named after the said Thomas Conn. Col. Rec. Vol. 1678–1689, pp. 331 & 337.——His will is dated 6 Dec. 1689. He was a large land holder both in Fairfield & in Greenwich. In his will he mentions wife Mary, s. John to whom he gave a double portion of his estate, the mill at Rye & several acres of land at White Plains; to s. Thomas he gave his home-lot lying upon Byram river, other lands & his weaver's loom; to s. Samuel several pieces of land at Greenwich; to s. Joseph his dwelling-house, barn & home-lot & the northward part of the orchard & a pasture lot, on the eastward side of a highway that goes into the neck. He gave to his four sons his rights & privileges in all divided & undivided lands in Greenwich, Rye and Fairfield. To his five daughters viz.: Mary, Abigail, Elizabeth, Deborah, & Sarah, he gave portions in money. He also mentioned his grand-son Thomas, s. of John. He appointed his wife Mary executrix & ss: John & Samuel Lyon as executors of his estate. Probably his ss Samuel & John settled on his lands at Fairfield & Greenfield.

JOHN. probably s. of Richard Lyon 1. m. Hannah —— d. of —— Their children were Thankfull, Elizabeth, Hannah & John, all bapt. 15. Aug 1726; Hester bapt. 2. Feb 1726½; —— Lyon bapt 16. April 1729; Griswould bapt. 30. May 1731.

HENRY s. of Richard Lyon 1., Savage says, was at Milford in 1645. He was granted a home-lot at F. 4. May 1652. s. w. of Seeley's Neck. On the 4 Feb. 1655 he purchased of William Bateman his home-lot, dwelling-house &c., lying on the n. e. side of the Newton Square. He m. a d. of William Bateman, & from his father-in-law received one half of his estate. He was brother in law to Joseph Middlebrook, who also m. a d. of William Bateman, & also of Thomas Bateman of Concord, Mass., only son mentioned in William Bateman's will.

JOSEPH, John, Benjamin & Samuel Lyon jr. were among the first members of the Congregational church in 1726 at Greenfield.

The descendants of the Lyon family are so numerous, that it is very difficult to determine any direct line of descent after the second generation; but much of interest & value is to be found in the Town, Probate & Parish Records.

MIDDLEBROOK

JOSEPH MIDDLEBROOK 1. came from Concord with the Rev. John Jones in 1644, & settled at Pequonnock, where he was granted a home-lot from the town of 2½ acres, bounded n. w. by the home-lot of James Evarts; n. e. Benjamin Turney's & George Starkey's, s. e. Peter Johnson's, & s. w. by the highway. He m. at Concord a d. of William Bateman of that place, & after her death, Mary widow of Benjamin Turney of Pequonnock. He died about 1686, in which year his will was probated on the 22. Nov., leaving s. Joseph & d. Phebe, w. of Samuel Wilson, his only heirs. He was one of the land dividend holders of F., & left a good estate.

JOSEPH 2. s. of Joseph 1. Middlebrook 1. m. Sarah d. of —— Their children were Sarah b. 12. Nov 1675; Hannah 25. June 1677; John 25. Oct 1678; Joseph 15. April 1680; & Jonathan. F. T. Rec.

JOHN 1. son of Joseph Middlebrook 2., m. Mary d. of —— Their children were Robert bapt. 16. May 1703; John 10. Dec 1704; Elizabeth 1. June 1708; John 1. Oct 1710; Mary 8. Feb 1712^{13}; David 5. June 1715; Stephen 2. Feb 1717^{14}; Anne 2. Nov 1718; Ephraim 28. Aug 1720. F. Par. Rec.

JONATHAN son of Joseph Middlebrook 2., m. Rebecca d. of —— & settled at Greenfield. Their children were Michael bapt. 23. Nov. 1712; Jonathan 9. May 1714; Martha 3. March 1716^{11}; Martha again 11. Jan 1718^{12}; Ebenezer 16. Oct. 1720; Nathan 26. May 1723; Sarah 7. March 1724^{3}. F. Par. Rec.

JOSEPH 3. s. of Joseph Middlebrook, 2. m. Deborah d. of ——, who was not bapt. until 10 Dec 1704, at F. The above Joseph Middlebrook's name occurs in 1726 among the members of the G. H. Par. Their children were David bapt. 10. Dec 1704; Eunice 23. June 1706; Anne 11. April 1708; Sarah 8. Feb 1712^{13}; Dorothy 6. Nov 1715; Dorothy again 17. Nov 1717; Joseph 6. March 1719^{20}; Jane 6. Oct 1723.

JOSEPH 4. s. of Joseph Middlebrook 3. b. 3. March 1719^{20}, m. Sarah d. of David Williams of Greenfield 17. Dec 1741. Their children were Rhoda b. 16. April 1743; Eleanor 26. Sept 1744; Sarah 30. Aug 1747; Deborah Oct, 1749; Submit, bapt. in 1754; Eunice b. 16. March 1757.

Some of the Middlebrook family settled at Long Hill or Trumbull, Ct. & were prominent as good soldiers in the Revolution. Dr. Middlebrook's well known Almanac was for many years found in most every household in the county of Fairfield, & had a large circulation throughout the country.

MOREHOUSE

THOMAS MOREHOUSE 1. was at Weathersfield, says Savage, in 1640. He was among the first to receive a grant of seven acres in Stamford. He is found at Fairfield before 1653, where he had purchased the house & home-lot of John Barlow on the Ludlow Square. He was granted land by the town on the west side of the Uncoway River & present Black Rock Bridge, where he ran a grist-mill on the creek, which empties into the river between Seely's Neck & the Old Mill hill. He m. Isabella d. of Ralph Keeler of Norwalk. His will is dated 8. Aug 1658. in which he leaves ⅓ of his estate to his wife Isabell; a double portion to his eldest s. Samuel, homestead, mill & mill-lot, which he was not to sell without the consent of the town; & further distributes his estate among his sons Thomas, John, Jonathan & ds. Mary & Ann. He mentions d. Hannah, to whom he had already given a full portion.

LIEUT. SAMUEL 1. s. of Thomas Morehouse 1., m. Rebecca d. of William Odell 1. Their

children were Samuel, Jonathan, Thomas & John, & probably others. He was Marshal of F. in 1673. & held offices of trust & usefulness. The inventory of his estate was recorded in 1733. Rebecca m. Richard Hubbell 2. 5. Nov. 1685. Thomas m. Mary d. of ———, whom he made his sole heir, & died about 1690.

JOHN s. of Thomas Morehouse 1. was at Southampton L. I. in 1684.

THOMAS 2. s. of Thomas Morehouse 1, m. Mary d. of Thomas Sherwood. Their children were Thomas, John, Daniel, James, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Susannah, Mary & Ann. The inventory of his estate was recorded in 1708.

JONATHAN s. of Thomas Morehouse 1. pur. of his brother Samuel their father's dwelling house, near the creek under the hill. He m. Mary d. of Edward Wilson of F. Their children were Jonathan b. 1. Jan 1677 ; Martha 2. Nov. 1679 ; & probably others. He m. again 16. April 1690 Rebecca d of John Knowles. Their children were John & Hannah bapt. 7. Oct. 1694 ; Joshua 8. March 1695[8] ; Elizabeth 9. May 1702 ; Stephen, Gershom & Ruth, all bapt. 21. May 1704 ; Elizabeth 31. March 1706 ; Elizabeth again 16. May 1708 ; James 19. March 1709[10] ; Abijah, 27. April 1712 ; Ephraim 28. Aug. 1716 ; Anne 2. Nov 1718 ; James 11. Nov. 1722. F. Par. Rec.

SERGT. DANIEL 1. s. of Thomas Morehouse 2 m. —— d. of ——— Their children were Abraham bapt 22. Dec. 1700 ; Hannah 24. Sept. 1704 ; Daniel 29. Dec. 1706[7] ; Samuel 29. May 1709 ; Rebecca 24. Feb. 1711[12] ; Catherine 29. Aug. 1714. F. Par. Rec.

THOMAS MOREHOUSE jr. m. Martha d. of ——— who was not bapt. until 11. Nov 1696. Their children were Rebecca & Mary bapt. 12. June 1698 ; John 5. Jan 1701 ; Sarah 6. Feb 1703[4] ; Jethro 3. Feb 1705[6] ; Thomas 16. May 1708 ; Thankful 23. July 1710 ; Stephen 10. Aug. 1712 ; Thomas again 4. Sept. 1715. F. Par. Rec.

THE NASH FAMILY.

The patronymic of the name Nash is of Saxon origin. In olden times, it was the custom to prefix the residence of any particular family, by the word Atte (at the) ; thus, atte-oak, atte-ash, atte-well, atte-wood. In the course of time a consonant was introduced for the sake of euphony, hence the name atte-n-ash, atte-n-oak, atte-n-well, atte-n-wood. Still later, in order to abbreviate & facilitate pronunciation, the atte was dropped, hence arose the simple names of Naish, Nash, Noak, Nokes, Atwood, Atwell, &c.

Thomas Nash, the great grandfather of Capt. Thomas Nash of F., is supposed to have been the Thomas Nash. who, among the emigrants of Rev. John Davenport's company, landed at Boston, from the ship Hector, on the 26 July 1637. It is possible that he was among the later emigrants of the Plymouth company, for, in a letter signed by five of the Rev. John Robinson's congregation, who remained behind at Leyden, Holland, & addressed to their dear brethren in the Lord at Plymouth, New England, dated 30. Nov 1628, is to be found the name Thomas Nash. He may have paid a visit to Holland, & returned with Davenport's company ; or, he may have been among those who joined the New Haven company from the Plymouth Colony, during their sojourn in Massachusetts.* He was accompanied to New England by his wife Margery, daughter of Nicholas Baker (eldest son of John Baker) & Mary Hodgetts ("who married Thomas Nash & went to New England") † & five children viz : Mary, John, Sarah, Joseph, & Timothy born 1626.

Among the list of subscribers to the fundamental agreement of the New Haven Colony June 4, 1639, is that of Thomas Nash. Four days after the signing of this agreement, another company with their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Whitfield, joined the New Haven or Quinipiac planters from Kent & Surrey, England. These, with some of the first comers of New Haven, formed a company to begin a plantation at Guilford. Barber states "that the planters of Guilford had not one Black-

* Mass. His. Collections Vol 1. 4th Series, 1852.

† County Genealogies & Pedigrees of the Hertfordshire Families, by William Berry.

smith among them;" & that it was "with great cost that the town obtained one to live among them." Thomas Nash was invited to join the Guilford party, but his services being required by the New Haven planters, they interfered & prevented his going. In 1651 he was given the charge of all the town muskets of New Haven. The tradition in the family is, that Thomas Nash was from Lancashire, England. He appears to have been well advanced in years upon his arrival in America. In his will, dated 1659 he specially mentions his old age. He was called Brother Nash in the Church Records. His home lot was the second on the west side of State, from the corner of Chapel St.

Thomas Nash died 12. May 1658. Margery his wife died, within two years after his death.

Sergt Joseph Nash, the second son of Thomas Nash of New Haven, was born in England & followed his father's trade of gun & blacksmith. He was made a freeman 7. March 1657, & moved to Hartford soon after, where he was made a freeman of Conn. 20. May 1658; & held the high office of a constable in 1660. He was twice married, but the maiden names of his wives are not known. Their Christian names were Mary & Margaret. But little is known of his family history. His estate, which he bequeathed to his wife Margaret, & to their only daughter Sarah, amounted to £420, 5S. 10d. The names of some of his children are found in New Haven as follows:

John b. 12. July 1650.
Hannah b. 21. Jan. 1652.
Mary, his wife, died 25. Nov. 1654.
—— daughter died 18. Jan. 1654.

Sarah b. at Hartford, but not recorded, is supposed to have m. Noah Cook, of Northampton, Mass. He probably had other children of which no trace has been found.

Sergt. John, believed to be a son of the above Joseph Nash, is recorded as living at Brandford Ct. in 1677. He married 22. Aug. 1677, Elizabeth widow of Antony Howd, & by her had the following children,

Joseph b. 1 Aug. 1678 —— d. unmarried in F.
Thomas b. 28 Jan 1680 —— settled in F.
Elizabeth b. 15. April 1681 —— m. Stephen Foot.

Elizabeth Nash, by her first husband Antony Howd had John b. 1673; Antony b. 1674 & Benoni b. 1676.

John Nash died 1682, leaving an estate of £132. 9s. 9d. The inventory of his estate gives the impression that he was a shoemaker.

Capt Thomas Nash (1), son of the above John Nash settled while a young man at Maxumus or Green's Farms. On the 18th Nov. 1701, the town of F. granted him, "an acre & a half of land, to be laid out between Clapboard Hill & ye Country Road, near y^e^ run called y^e^ Hot-hole run, which grant is on condition y^t^ he live & died in possession of it, & carry on y^e^ trade of a Smith at Maxumus farms." He was made Captain of the militia, & was a man of influence in the civil & political affairs of the town.

As early as the 15. of March 1710, Thomas Nash gave a lot "four rod square, for a house to meet in, for the worship of Almighty God forever." He was the first deacon of that church, which office he held through life, & also his son & grand-son, who bore the name of Thomas. He d. 8. June 1748, in the 69 year of his age. His last will was dated 16. June 1741. His estate was valued at £10,953 8^s.^ 6^d.^ Sarah his wife died 20 Feb 1760.

Their children were,

Joseph bap. 4, Jan. 1712–13, born probably in 1706, died young.
Thomas born 3. Aug. 1708, settled at Green's Farms.
Sarah born 20. March 1712. m. John Griffin.
Jonathan born 17. Oct. 1714, settled at Green's Farms.
Elizabeth born 3. March 1717, m. John Burr.

CAPT. THOMAS NASH, (2) son of the above Capt. Thomas Nash (1) m. 28. Sep. 1731, Rebecca daughter of —— Hull of F. He lived at Port Royal, so named from a spring of running water, resorted to by those who lived near it, for its softness, sweetness & purity. It is situated on the left of the turnpike, north-west of Turkey-hill. He afterwards occupied the homestead of his father. He held the lifelong office of deacon in the Green's Farms' church, & was a highly respected & esteemed citizen of F.

Capt. Thomas Nash (2) d. 2. Aug. 1769.

Rebecca, his wife d. 22. April 1791.

Their children

Rebecca b. 18. Nov. 1732—m. Simon son of —— Couch.

Elizabeth b. 23. Aug. 1734, m. (1) Reuben Bradley (2) John Hubbell.

Eunice b. 27. March, 1737, m. (1) Benjamin

Davis, (2) John Morehouse.

Lydia b. 26 March 1740, m. William Hawley.

Thomas b. 21 May 1743, settled in the homestead.

Mary bap. 11 Dec. 1747, died 25. Dec 1747.

CAPT THOMAS NASH (3), son of the above Thomas, first married Mary, daughter of William Burr Esqr of F., & second Mary Nichols. The last wife was the mother of Dr. William B. Nash of Bridgeport, Ct.

Children of Sarah, daughter of Capt. Thomas Nash (1) & John Griffin of Reading, Ct.

Sarah, bap. 9 May, 1736, m. John Burr, jr. 22. Nov. 1755.

Eunice bap. 22. Oct. 1738, m. Jonathan Couch, 14. Aug. 1759.

John — —— —— m. Catharine Johnson, settled in Reading.

Joseph ——— m. Esther Hall, settled in Reading.

Jonathan, bap. 23. Nov. 1746, settled in Danbury.

Elizabeth ——— m. Jeremiah Sherman.

Hepzibah ——— m. Joseph Sanford, 2. Nov. 1762.

JONATHAN, son of Capt. Thomas Nash (1), married Sarah, daughter of —— Andrews of Maxumus 14. March 1754.

Their children,

Sarah born 17. Jan. 1755, m. Thomas Couch.

Elizabeth bap. 3. Oct. 1756, died 1 March, 1775. in her 19th year.

Eleanor born 14 Jan. 1758, m. Simon Couch, a brother of the above Thomas.

Mr. Jonathan Nash died 9 Oct. 1757.

Sarah Andrews Nash, his widow, afterwards married Lieut. Nathan Godfrey, of Green's Farms 24. Jan. 1764; by whom she had Roda. Jonathan, Esther, Ebenezer & Andrews.

ELIZABETH daughter of Capt. Thomas Nash (1), was married 14. Oct. 1735 to John Burr, son of Daniel Burr of F. She died 29 March 1740.

Her children

Daniel, b. 5. March 1737.

John, b. 9. Oct. 1739

Her husband John Burr, then married Grace daughter of Peter Bulkley, & by her had Talcott, John, Grace, Eunice, & Elizabeth. Taken from The Nash Family, by Rev. Sylvester Nash.

NICHOLS

FRANCIS NICHOLS 1. was an early settler at Stratford, where he died in 1650, & was father of Isaac, Caleb & John, all born in England.

ISAAC 1. s. of Francis 1. of Stratford, was one of the early settlers of that town in 1639. He was probably the Sergt. appointed by the Gen. Ct. of Conn. to train the militia of Stratford &

Pequonnock in 1636. (Col. Rec. Conn. 1. 36.) He m. Margaret d. of —— Their children were Sarah b. 1. Nov. 1649; Josiah 29. Jan 1652, who died in 1691, leaving widow, but no children; Isaac 12. March 1654; Jonathan 20. Dec. 1655; Ephraim 16. Dec. 1657; Patience 2. Feb. 1660; Temperance 17. May 1662; Margery 30. Nov. 1663; Benjamin 2. Feb. 1666; & Elizabeth 2. April 1668. His trade was that of a soap boiler. He died in 1694. In his will of 28. Sept. 1694, he mentions w. Margaret; his four sons, Josiah, Isaac, Jonathan & Ephraim were dead, but he gives a small legacy to each of the children of the last three: his sons having previously had their portions. His d. Mary m. 8. Jan 1667, the Rev. Israel Chauncy of Stratford; d. Sarah m. 8. Jan. 1674, Stephen Burritt; & d. Elizabeth m. in 1691, the Rev. Joseph Webb of F.—Savage's Gen. Dic.

CALEB s. of Francis Nichols 1., was made a freeman in 1669, & probably m. Ann d. of Andrew Ward. Their children were Sarah b. 1. Dec. 1651; Ann 5. March 1653; Esther 18. Feb. 1655; Joseph 25. Dec. 1656; Samuel 29. March 1658; Andrew 28. Nov. 1659; Abraham 19. Jan 1672: Abigail Feb 1664; Hannah Aug. 1667; Caleb in 1669; Phebe 12. Nov. 1671; & John Nov. 1676. He removed to Woodbury & died there in 1690. In his will 6. of Aug. 1690, he mentions children Samuel, John, Caleb & Abraham; & ds. Mary, Ann, Phebe; & Moses Wheeler who had m. 20. Oct. 1674, his d. Sarah; John Prentiss who m. d——; & William Martin whom. d. Abigail. Mary m. —— Hull; Phebe m. probably a s. of Nicholas Knell.—Savage's Gen. Dic.

JOHN 1 s. of Francis Nichols 1., was, says Bond, a land-holder at Watertown in 1636 or 7. & was probably the same, who was an early settler of Fairfield, & who was granted a home-lot from the town 2½ acres of land, on the s. e. side of the Frost Square, lying between Richard Wescott's & Daniel Frost's home-lots. He was a dividend land-holder, & stood among the leading citizens of F. He died intestate, & his widow Grace soon after m. Richard Perry of F. On the 18. May 1649, she gave up her interest in the homestead to her s. John Nichols at his request; to her children Samuel, John & Sarah Nichols she gave 6£. each, & 5£. more to her s. Samuel. She appointed her brother Isaac Nichols of Stratford, & Andrew Ward of F. administrators in her place, on her first husband's estate. (A. Town Deeds.) A distribution of John Nichols estate was made by his brother Isaac, & Andrew Ward 9. June 1655, in which six children were named viz: Hester, Elizabeth, Hannah, Isaac, Sarah & John. In this distribution Samuel is not named. F. Prob. Rec.

JOHN 2. s. of John Nichols 1. of F., joined the army in King Philip's war, and died the first year unmarried. Savage's Gen. Dic.

"ISAAC 1. s. of John Nichols 1. of F. was brought up by his Uncle Isaac of Stratford, where he also settled, & m. 15. Aug. 1672. Esther Clark. Their children were Grace b. 6. June 1673; Alice 25. Oct. 1674; John 10. Oct. 1676; Samuel 6. Dec. 1678, & he perhaps removed to Derby. Savage's Gen. Dic."

ENSIGN EPHRAIM, s. of Isaac Nichols 1. of Stratford, & grandson of Francis 1. m. Sept. 1682, Esther, first wid. of Dr. William Ward & second wid. of Ebenezer Hawley. Their children were Ignatius b. 17. Dec. 1683; Disborow 1. Jan. 1685; & Esther 18. Dec. 1689 & probably others. F. T. Rec.

JOHN NICHOLS s. of —— m. —— d. of —— Their children were John Nichols bapt. 31. March 1695; Ebenezer 16. June 1695; Samuel 21. March 1696-[1]; Solomon 23. April 1699; Joseph 10. Sept. 1704; Benjamin & Margery 12. Aug. 1711. F. Par. Rec. From this family the Nicholses of Fairfield & Greenfield appear to have descended, as well as from the sons of Ephraim Nichols.

ODELL

WILLIAM ODELL was at Concord in 1639, & was perhaps from the Parish of Odell in England, from which the Rev. Peter Bulkley came. His s. James was b. in 1640 at Concord, & died the next year; also d. Rebecca b. 17. July 1642. Savage says he removed from Concord to South-

ampton L. I. in 1642 & soon after settled at Pequonnock, where he occupied a considerable land at Greenlea. He d. in 1676; the same year June 6 his will is dated, in which he gave to his s. William, who had settled at Greenwich, his horses, cattle, swine & sheep, & ⅓ of his movable estate; to his grand-son Samuel Morehouse, s. of his d. Rebecca, he gave all his land near Uncoway River, called Rossiter's field; 2 acres in the great meadow before the town; land in Concord field called "poor man's lot;" building-lot, pasture-lot, long-lot, all his land dividends in Compo, all his housing & half of his home lot in F., out of which legacies said Samuel Morehouse was to pay to his brothers Thomas & John 5£ each, when 21 years of age. To grand-son John Odell, all land on the other side of the creek, & the other half of his home-lot. To Jonathan Morehouse 2 sheep; to Goody Knap 4 yards red cloth: to daughter in law Mary Odell, his wife's red broadcloth cloak. All other remaining estate he gave to his s John Odell, and to his daughter Rebecca Morehouse. He made his son in law Samuel Morehouse, & John Odell his executors.

JOHN s. of William Odell 1., lived at Greenlea, where in 1678 he recorded a large amount of land, of which he had had quiet possession eight years. He m. Joanna d. of Joseph Walker dec. of Stratford, & step-daughter of Richard Hubbell 1. Their children were Samuel b. 10. March 1677; Hannah 20, Oct 1679; Deborah 28, Aug 1682. (F. T. Rec); & perhaps others.

JOHN 2. s. of John Odell 1. m —— d. of —— Their children were Anne b. 6. March 1688[89]; John 5, Nov. 1690; Bethiah 27. Feb 1692; Sarah 10, Aug 1694.

Abel Bingham the school teacher of Fairfield Village, m. Elizabeth Odell 16. May 1694. (probably the d. of W[m] Odell.) Their children were Abigail b. 7. June 1696. & perhaps others.

OGDEN

John & Richard Ogden were early emigrants to Conn.. John the elder brother, settled at Stamford as early as 1641; & the next year made an agreement with Gov. Keift of New York to build a stone church for 2500 guilders; was a patentee of Hempstead L. I. in 1644; & lived in Southampton L. I. in 1656; was an assistant in 1656, 60, & 62; & was named in the L. I. Charter of King Charles II. in 1662. He removed soon after to New Jersey, & with Gov. Carteret made large land purchases, & represented Elizabethtown in the first assembly of N. J. Savage's Gen. Dic.

Richard Ogden, a brother of the above John, settled at Stamford, & was a partner with John in building the stone church for Gov. Keift at New York. He removed to F. between 1650 & 1660; & in 1662 entered into a contract with the town to run the new mill, which had been erected by Thomas Sherwood 2. at the town's expense on Mill River at Mill Plain, now known as Perry's Mill. He erected a stone house near the mill. On the 20. Dec. 1680, the town sold the mill & mill-dam, ponds & streams to him & to his heirs, provided "he maintained a good corn mill" to grind all kinds of grain "reasonably well & sufficiently" into good meal, for which he was to receive $\frac{1}{16}$ of the grist, 8½ acres were granted him on the east of the mill dam, & 3 acres on the north side, several acres of meadow & upland on the n. w. adjoining; the town reserving "a right of cart-way & a cart bridge across sd. pond & stream in the high-way near the mill." He died intestate, & his widow soon followed him. His estate was valued at £805, 10s 6d. The town in order to protect the minor heirs & to continue the mill, made the following settlement with the heirs on the 31. Oct 1690. The mill-house, stream, ponds, dams & lands which Richard Ogden had deeded to his son Richard before he died, were confirmed to him with ⅓ of his fathers Perpetual Common. John, a minor, who had chosen Samuel Ward as his guardian, was set off the stone house with the land around it, ⅓ of his fathers Perpetual Common, land at Sasqua neck & other places, & 5£ from his brother Richard. David, the second son, was allowed the meadow & upland near the mill, land at Mill Hill, & all of his father's long-lot, his father's two divisions at Compo, & ⅓ of the Perpetual Common, & all lands & housings deeded him by his father, provided

he paid to his sisters or to their husbands, all remaining legacies left unpaid, & the daughters 50£. each.

In the inventory of Mary, widow of above Richard Ogden 1., dated 28 Aug. 1687 the following children were mentioned, ss Richard, David & John, Alice, w. of Sergt. Samuel Ward, —— w. of Daniel Meeker, & —— w. of John Smith.

RICHARD 2. s. of Richard Ogden 1., m. —— d. of —— Their children were Joseph, Richard, Jonathan, & Sarah, all bapt. 27. Jan 1694[5]; Mary 19. April 1696. F. Par. Rec.

I find no David Ogden sooner than the following David mentioned in the G. H. Par. Rec. as a member of that church in 1726. His children are found in the F. Par. Rec. & are as follows, David b. 23. June 1727; Abigail 22. Feb 1729[30]; Jonathan 21. Sept. 1735.

JOHN 1. s. of Richard Ogden 1., settled at Greenfield, & m. Mary Jennings 24. Jan 1728[9]. Their children were, × Sarah b. 5 Sept 1730; Samuel 24. Oct 1732; John 24. April 1735; Ebenezer 23. April 1737; Sarah 24. May 1739; Hezekiah 5. March 1744.

EDMOND OGDEN s. of —— b. 28. June 1707; m. Mary Gilburd 20. Jan. 1728[9]. Their children were × Joseph b. 25. Dec. 1730; × Obediah 4. Nov. 1732; Eunice 28. Aug. 1734; Anne 10. Nov 1736; Jesse 2. July 1738; Moses 23. July 1740; Bethuel 21. April 1744. G. H. Par. Rec.

OSBORN

RICHARD OSBORN sailed from London in the ship Hopewell, Capt. Thomas Wood master, bound for Barbadoes 17. Feb. 1634. (Hotton's Emigrants.) In 1635, Richard Osborn was one of the company that met with the Rev. Peter Hobart, & drew for a home-lot in the settlement of Hingham, Mass. He was a brave soldier in the Pequot War. His name occurs among the free planters of New Haven in 1639, in which he signed the fundamental agreement, at the gathering of the church on the 4th of March; shared in the divisions of land in 1643; & took the oath of fidelity before Governor Eaton 1. July 1644. His pew in the church was No 4, "in the other side of the door." N. H. Col. Rec. He is prob. the same Richard Osborn who removed to F. between 1650 & 1653, & purchased of Thomas Pell a house & home-lot lying, between John Cable's & Thomas Shervington's. He purchased other places, & finally a house and home-lot adjoining that of Cornelius Hull's. He became one of the dividend land holders of the town. "For his good services in the Pequot War," the Gen Ct. of Conn. granted him 80 acres of land, to be taken up in F., where it did not interfere with other grants, which were set off to his heirs in 1707, by Capt. Nathan Gold & Judge Peter Burr. He removed to Westchester, & on the 17. of Nov. 1682, he deeded to his son John Osborn & to his heirs, all his housing & home-lots, orchards, wood & timber in the town of F., together with all his uplands & meadows, his privilege in the undivided commons, & all his right & title to lands in the Colony of Conn., provided he paid all his debts & dues in F., & the following sums of money to his other heirs, viz: to the five children of his eldest d. —— 20s each, when of age; to his d. Priscilla's (w. of Cornelius Seeley) two sons 40s, each, & 20s, to each of her two daughters, when of age; to his d. Sarah's seven children 20s each, when of age; to his d. Mary's (w. of Thomas Bedient) three children 40s each, when of age; to his d. Elizabeth 50£. (who perhaps m. James Beers.) [A. Town Deeds p. 449.] Besides the s. John mentioned in this will, he also had a s. David. He was in Newtown, L. I. where he is said to have died, well advanced in years. John s. of Nathaniel Baldwin, m. Hannah d. of Richard Osborn, 19. Nov 1663, & she may have been the unnamed daughter.

CAPT. JOHN 1. s. of Capt. Richard Osborn 1; was an important & influential man in F. He m. Sarah d. of James Bennet. Their children were Hannah b. 26. July 1677; Samuel, John. David, Joseph, Elizabeth, & perhaps others. He died 15. July 1709. F. T. Rec.

DAVID 1. s. of Capt. Richard Osborn 1., was of Dr. Thomas Pell's company from F., which settled at Eastchester in 1666. He m. Abigail d. of Philip Pinkney in 1679, another of Pell's company from F.. Their children were Sarah, Richard & Abigail. His d. Sarah m. Jonathan

Sturges 2. of F. 31. July 1692, & for a second husband Judge Peter Burr. His d. Abigail m. William Hill 3. of F. 7. Oct. 1691. David the father died in 1679.

RICHARD, the s. of David Osborn 1., settled at Ridgefield, Conn. in 1713, & purchased of Richard Whiting, one twenty-ninth part of that town. He is said to have lived to the advanced age of 103 years.*

SERGT. SAMUEL s. of Capt. John Osborn 1., m. Abigail d. of —— Their children were Samuel & Hannah bapt. 2 Jan 1703^{4}; Abigail 27. April 1709; Anne 15. July 1711; Sarah 29. Nov 1713. Samuel the father died in 1751.

SERGT. JOHN 2. s. of Capt. John Osborn 1., m. Abigail d. of —— Their children were Abigail bapt. 5. March 1703^{4}; John 7. Oct. 1705; Jonathan 21. Dec 1707; Mary 17. Feb 1711^{12}; John 6. Feb. 1714^{15}; Mary 17. Feb 1716^{11}; Mary again 20. Aug 1721; Howes 3. Feb. 1722^{23}; Thankful 2. May 1725; Elizabeth 28. May 1727; Mary & Deborah Silliman, daughters of Capt. Osborn's present wife, bapt. 2 Nov. 1729, showing that his second wife was the widow of —— Silliman; their d. Martha was bapt. 13. Sept 1730. Capt. John, the father died in 1761.

SERGT. DAVID 2. s. of Capt. John Osborn 1., m. —— d. of —— Their children were David bapt. 8. Feb. 1707^{8}; William 22. May 1709; Sarah June 1711; John 8. Nov. 1713; Eliazer (who settled at New Fairfield in 1739.) 29. Jan. 1715^{16}; Dorothy 3. Nov. 1717; Hannah 5. Feb 1720^{21}; Grace 10. Jan 1724^{5}; David 6. Aug 1727. Sergt. David Osborn died in 1732.

JOSEPH s. of Capt. John Osborn 1. m. Hannah d. of ——— Their children were Elizabeth bapt. 28. June 1719; Nathan b. Jan. 1720^{21}; Hannah bapt. 21. June 1724; Sarah bapt. 5. May 1726; Abigail, b. ——; Olive bapt. 7. Sept. 1729; Peter bapt. 23. May 1731. Joseph the father died in 1731. F. & G. H. Par. Rec.

Eleazer Osborn & Hannah Bulkley d. of Peter Bulkley, were m. 29. June 1738. Their children were Eleanor b. 11. April 1739; Sarah 27. May, 1741, David 3. Sept. 1743, Gershom 23. April 1746, Hannah 21. Nov. 1748, Grissel 14 March 1751, Ellen 18. Dec. 1754, Ebenezer ——. Eleazer the father d. 20. May 1788. F. Book of Births & Marriages.

READ

WILLIAM REED, Reid, or Read, recorded in 1673 a large amount of land, & also land deeded him by Thomas Skidmore of F., near the old Uncoway mill-creek. He may have been said Skidmore's son-in-law. He also purchased of Richard Hubbell a dwelling house on the n. w. of the Uncoway creek, near the present stone crossing, or Gould's Bridge as it is now called. There is a record 2. Sept. 1693, in *A. F. T. D.*, of land deeded by him to his daughters Sarah & Abigail, & to his "loving son John Read." As early as 2. Sept. 1673, he purchased of Cornelius Hull land adjoining his dwelling-house, called "the calve's pasture." He was a large land-holder in F. A. F. T. D.

JOHN 1. s. of William Read 1., was b. at F. 29. Jan. 1679^{80}. (*F. T. Rec.*) & m. Ruth d. of Lieut. John Talcott of Hartford, & sister of Governor Joseph Talcott. He thus became brother-in-law of Lieut. Gov. Nathan Gold of F., who. m. his wife's sister Hannah Talcott (*Savage's Gen. Dic.*) He first studied for the ministry & preached at Waterbury, Hartford & Stratford. His talents meanwhile inclined to the law, & after due preparation, he was admitted to the bar in 1708; & appointed attorney for the Queen in 1812. He soon after settled at Redding Ct. where he purchased a large tract of land from the natives, & where his home was called the Read manor. He removed to Boston about 1722, & was soon recognized as the most eminent lawyer in New England; became a member of the Governor's Council, & was Attorney General of Mass. several years. He died in 1749, leaving to his six children an ample fortune. His children were Ruth who m. 14. Sept. 1737, Rev. Nathaniel Hum, first pastor of the church in Redding, Ct. (F. Par. & T. Rec.) "John; William a lawyer of Boston who died a bachelor in 1780, aged 70 years;

* Much of the above information has been furnished by John Osborn Esqr. of Norwalk, Conn.

Mary, who m. Capt. Charles Morris of Boston, who afterwards removed to Halifax Nova Scotia, where he became Chief Justice of the courts ; Abigail who m. Joseph Miller of Boston ; & Deborah who m. first a Mr. Willstead, & second Henry Paget of Smithfield R. I." *C. B. Todd's Hist. Redding.*

JOHN 2. s. of John Read 1., inherited the Read manor of Redding. He was a wealthy & influential gentleman, whose name often appears in the *Rec's* of F., where he was Justice of the Peace in 1756 ; & was appointed on the 3. Nov. 1757 Colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Horse in Conn. He first m. Mary d. of John Hawley of Stratford 2. Sept. 1723. Their children were Mary b. 2. Sept. 1724 ; John 16. Jan. 1725[4] ; William 31. Jan. 1730[1] ; Hezekiah 23. Feb. 1734[5]. Mrs. Mary Read d. 14. Feb. 1748. Mr. Read next m. 19. Dec. 1750. Sarah d. of Samuel Bradley of Greenfield. Their children were Sarah b. 27. Nov. 1751 ; Hezekiah 23 Feb. 1753 ; Ruth 25. Sept. 1754 ; Deborah 5. April 1756. *F. Rec. of Births.* Mary Read m. John Harpin ; John m. Zoa Hillard ; William m. Sarah Hawley of Redding ; Hezekiah m. Anna Gorham ; Sarah first m. Major Jabez Hill of Weston (who d. in 1779) & second Theodore Munson ; Ruth m. Jeremiah Mead ; Deborah m. Thomas Benedict, a lawyer ; Mabel m. Levi Starr ; Esther m. Daniel s. of Rev. Nathaniel Bartlett ; Zalmon m. Hulda Bradley of Greenfield. C. Burr Todd's Hist. of Redding.

ROBINSON

SAMUEL ROBINSON 1. settled at Barlow's Plain. Both he & his wife Comfort died before 1680. leaving s. Samuel the sole heir of his estate. His wife Comfort appears to have been a d. of John Cable sr., as in the F. T. Rec. Samuel Robinson is called a grand-son of John Cable Sr.

SAMUEL 2. s. of Samuel Robinson 1. also settled at Barlow's Plain, & m. Abigail l. of Danie, Lockwood of Bankside. Their d. Damaris was b. 13. April 1696. His will of 2. April 1698 gives w. Abigail & d. Damaris his estate, to be equally divided between them. It does not appear that he left a son, but in the G. H. Par. Rec. the following record is to be found :

JONATHAN ROBINSON m. Lucretia Thorp — April 1752. Their children were Samuel b. — May 1753 ; Seth 11. Aug. 1754 ; Jonathan 2. Nov. 1760 ; Jonathan Robinson next m. Elizabeth Canfield 14. April 1763. Their children were Elizabeth b. 18. Nov. 1764 ; Jonathan 13. Sept. 1765 ; Lucretia 9. Oct. 1768. G. H. Par. Rec.

ROOTS

SAVAGE says, Richard Roots was at Salem Church in 1636. He was made a freeman of the Mass. Bay Colony 9. March 1637. & was probably the same who removed to Fairfield early, & d. before 1653. His wid. Margaret m. Michiel Try.

JOHN ROOTS, nephew of Richard Roots, was given land by his Uncle Michiel Try at F.

The name of Roots, says Cothren, appears early at Hartford & Farmington. Thomas Roots was in the land division at Hartford 1639. John a freeman 1663 of Farmington, d. in 1685. leaving children Joseph, Caleb, Mary, (w. of Isaac Bronson) & Stephen. A John Roots, probably s. of the above John, was at Woodbury in 1685 ; his w. Dorcas d. 15. May 1720, & he d. 25. May 1723, leaving children. Savage's Gen. Dic.

Much may be found of the Root Family in "Hoare's Wiltshire" in the Congressional Library of Washington. They were evidently a family of distinction.

ROWLAND

HENRY ROWLAND was at F. as early as 1649[50], in March of which year, he purchased John Grey's home-lot on the Frost Square. He became a dividend land holder in the town, and was for some years an "ordinary" or inn-keeper. He died in 1691. His will is dated 30 Oct. 1690, in which he mentions that he was "well stricken in years." To his wife Rebecca he gave the use

of the S. E. end of his dwelling house, house-hold goods & all moveable estate &c.; to his s. Joseph he gave 5$^{s.}$ he having also received his full portion of his estate, & to s'd. Joseph's d. 20$^{s.}$ & to his other three children 1$^{s.}$ each; to his ss. Jonathan, Israel & Henry he gave all his lands, & all things which he had already divided to them by deed of gift; to his d. Elizabeth, the wife of Sergt. John Wheeler 20$^{s.}$, & to each of her children 1$^{s.}$; to his d. Abigail, the wife of Thomas Jones, 20$^{s.}$ & to each of the children 1$^{s.}$; to Rebecca w. of Ebenezer Smith 20$^{s.}$, & to each of her children 1$^{s.}$; to d. Mary w. of Daniel Frost 20$^{s.}$, & to each of her children 1$^{s.}$; & 5£. to his grandson Jonathan Smith, then living with him. He left his wife sole executrix of his will, & his loving friends Capt. John Burr, & Sergt. John Thompson over-seers of his estate. His s. Henry died the same year 1691.

JONATHAN 1. s. of Henry Rowland 1., m. Abigail d. of John Barlow 2. 28, Jan. 1698, & died in 1691.

JOSEPH 1. s. of Henry Rowland 1., settled, at Greenfield, & m. Sarah d. of Antony Wilson. His older children were not bapt. until of age. When the Greenfield parish was formed in 1726, he with his second wife Abigail, "covenanted & were bapt. the same year; his d. Sarah cov. & bapt. 24, April 1726; Mary, Hannah & Deborah, all cov. & bapt. 26, June 1726; s. Joseph bapt. at the same time. G. H. Par. Rec.

JOSEPH 2. s. of Joseph Rowland 1., settled at Greenfield, & m. Sarah d. of ———. Their children were Sarah and Abigail bapt. 24. April 1726, at F.; Hannah bapt. in infancy; Joseph bapt. 11. Aug. 1746; × Jeremiah b. 12. Sept. 1748; Daniel b. April 1750; Jeremiah again b. 30. July 1758. G. H. Par. Rec.

ISRAEL 1. s. of Henry Rowland 1., inherited the family homestead on the Frost Square, it having been deeded him by his father in 1689. He m. ——— d. of ——— Their children were Mary & Elizabeth, bapt. 10. March 1694^{2}; Bethiah 13. June 1697; Rebecca 5. April 1702; Deborah 3. Oct. 1703; Jude-anne 2. June 1706; John 1. Oct. 1710. F. Par. Rec.

SAMUEL s. of ——— Rowland, m. ——— d. of ——— Their children were Grace bapt. 19. June 1709; Samuel 1. July 1711; David 21. Nov 1714; Andrew s. of Samuel & Abigail (prob. second wife) 22. May 1737; Grace again 8. Oct. 1738; Abigail 27. Feb. 1742^{3} F. Par. Rec.

Savage does not seem to be able to reconcile the relation of the early Stratford Samuel, to the Fairfield branch of the family. He says "Samuel may have been father to Henry 1. of F., but possibly his d. Elizabeth m. before 1640, James Rogers, to whose eldest s. Samuel, he gave a large estate."

The Rowlands of F. have always stood among the leading citizens of the town, holding offices of trust & influence. The late Henry Rowland Esqr. whose elegant mansion stands on Obadiah Gilbert's lot, s. w. of the old Burr homestead, is one of the most imposing in the town.

SANDFORD

EZEKIEL SANDFORD was an English Engineer, & had charge of the erection of the stockade fort at Saybrook, which guarded the mouth of the Connecticut River. [Charles Burr Todd's Hist. of Redding p. 215.] He was probably from the Milford branch of this family in New England. He was in F. before 1660, where he m. Rebecca d. of Henry Whelpley 25. April 1665. Their children were Sarah b. 5. March 1666; Ezekiel 6, March 1668; Mary 3. April 1670; Rebecca 13. Dec 1672; Thomas 2. May 1675; Martha 29, June 1677; Elizabeth 6, Sept. 1679. Sarah m. Cornelius Hull 2.; Mary m. Theophilus Hull 1.; & Rebecca m. John Seely. T. Rec.

EZEKIEL s. of Ezekiel Sandford 1, m. ——— d. of ———. Their children were Joseph, Lemuel, Zeckariah & Ezekiel, all bapt. at F. 27, May 1705; Rebecca 23. Feb 1706^{7}; Ephraim 27, March 1709; Abigail 29, Aug. 1714; Elnathan 1, Sept. 1717; Ruth 28, June 1719. F. Par. Rec.

THOMAS s. of Ezekiel Sandford 1., m. ——— d. of ———. Their children were Eliza-

beth, Hannah, & Eunice, all bapt. 26. Aug 1705 ; Thomas 4, Oct 1707 ; David 24. Feb 1711^{12} ; Mary 2. May 1714 ; Sarah 11. Nov 1716; Tabitha 25. Jan 1718^{19} ; Tamar 16. Aug 1724. F. Par. Rec.

The Sandfords first lived at Pequonnock, where Ezekiel 1., owned a considerable land, & was a large dividend holder of lands in the township. His descendants were among the first settlers of Redding, where the name is still found to this day. His sons Ezekiel & Thomas Sandford agreed to divide their long-lot, which stretched up into Redding in 1699, & upon which they & their heirs settled.

SEELEY

ROBERT SEELEY probably came with Winthrop's fleet, & was made a freeman of Mass. Colony 18. May 1631, with Jehu Burr, Thomas Ford & William Bateman. He settled at Watertown ; was surveyor in 1634 ; removed to Weathersfield in 1636, & the same yr, was appointed by the Gen. Ct. of Conn. to take an inventory of John Oldham's estate. On the 1. of May 1637, he was appointed as first Leut. of Capt. John Mason's expedition against the Pequot Indians, on the Mystic & Pequot or Thames Rivers. He proved a valiant soldier, & was one of the first, if not the first to enter the Mystic, fort & to clear away the brushwood entrance, after Capt. Mason had leaped over it. He received a wound in the eye-brow during the encounter. On the 2. of June following, the Gen. Ct. gave him command of thirty men out of the Connecticut River plantations, " to sit down in the Pequot country & river, in place convenient, to maintain the right that God by conquest has given them." For his services he was paid 20^{s} a week, " the week to consist of six days ; " & 150 bushels of corn from the inhabitants of Weathersfield. In 1639 he joined the New Haven Colony, where his name appears among the first list of freemen of that year. He signed the fundamental agreement, at the gathering of the church 4. June of the same year. In Oct. he was admitted a member of the Gen. Ct. of New Haven with others, who had been " members of other approved churches." At the same time he was chosen marshal ; " his employment & charge, from time to time, was to warn courts, according to the direction of the magistrates, to secure & execute warrants ; to attend the court at all times, to be ready & diligent in his person, or by his deputy to execute the sentence of the court ; & in all other occasions to attend the service of the plantation in things appertaining to his office." He was given leave to return to England in 1646, but came back in a few years, & in 1654, he led the forces raised in New Haven to be placed under the command of the English officers Sedgwick & Leavitt against the New Netherlands ; but fortunately no blood was shed, by the timely tidings of peace in Europe: [New Haven Col. Rec.]. In 1662 the Gen. Ct. awarded him 15.£. out of the public treasury, & ordered that the house at the Say-Brook Fort, should be repaired for his use, while he took charge of the ammunition of the fortress. In Oct. of the same year, he was chosen by the Gen. Ct. of Conn. commissioner for Huntington, L. I. In May 1663, the Gen. Ct., after considering a controversy between him & the inhabitants of Stratford, ordered that town to pay him 25£. in some current pay, & he was to make over to the town his lands there, whether he purchased them of the Indians, or received a grant of them from the town. In the same year he was appointed the chief Military officer of Huntington, to exercise their trained soldiers. Savage says he was in New York after it's conquest & there died. His widow Mary administered upon his estate 19. Oct. 1668.

LIEUT NATHANIEL s. of Robert Seeley 1., who was in New Haven in 1646, about 1649, m. Mary d. of Benjamin Turney ; [A. F. T. Deeds] ; removed to F., & was made a freeman in 1647. He again m. Elizabeth, widow of Nehemiah Olmstead (who was probably a d. of Jehue Burr 1.) In 1673, he recorded a grant of land from the town of 8 acres, & by part purchase land adjoining his home-lot, called Seeley's Neck, bounded n. with a highway at ordinary high tide ; e. & s. with creek or part of it, & on all other sides with his own land. He also purchased " a sedge marsh of 15 acres, lying between Paul's Neck & Seeley's Neck ; " bounded s w. with the meadow of William Hill & the commons. " He was not allowed to go further than his present dam, between Paul's

Neck & a little Island west of it; no farther southward than his dam from the little Island, that ran into the east end of Paul's Neck, or between the two abovesaid dams, & the edge of the upland bank, next his marsh on the top of the bank, bounded on the n. e. with the sedge marsh ; n w. with his own land, & the south bend of the highway, before his house & the land of Robert Turney."* In 1675, he was commissioned by the Gen. Ct. of Conn. Lieut. of F. county in Philip's War, & was killed on the 19. Dec. in the Great Swamp Fight, while gallantly leading his men over the gnarled log or tree, at the entrance of the Indian fort. He left 10. children, namely, Nathaniel, Robert, Benjamin, Joseph, John, Mary, Sarah, Phebe & Rebecca. Elizabeth his widow deeded land to her son Obediah Seeley, after the death of her husband.

Obediah Seeley, probably s. of Lieut. Robert 1. settled at Stamford & m. the widow of John Miller of that place, but died in 1657, leaving widow & sons, Obediah, Cornelius & Jonas. Savage's. Gen. Dic.

Sergt. Nathaniel 2., s. of Lieut. Nathaniel Seeley 1., settled at F. & m. Hannah d. of John Odell 1. Their children were Nathaniel b. 24. May 1678 ; James 19. April 1681 ; & probably others. He was deeded by his father the seventh part of his interest in his Perpetual Common. He sold in 1687 his interest in the nine score acres of land, given his father by the Indians at the junction of the Saugtauck & Aspetuck rivers, to his brothers Joseph & John. He was a large land holder in F. He died 1688. His widow m. Isaac Stirling.

Robert Seeley s. of Nathaniel 1., m. Sarah d. of —— & had sons Joseph & John & d. Sarah. He died early.

Benjamin s. of Nathaniel Seeley 1., purchased in 1678, his father's mansion-house of his brother Nathaniel, as administrator on the estate of their deceased father. He m. a d. of John Sturges 1., & sold to his father-in-law, John Sturges, one half of the family mansion, in which Joseph Turney lived, (who had m. his sister). No record of his children is found.

Lieut. Joseph s. of Lieut. Nathaniel Seeley 1., m. Sarah d. of ——, & settled at Pequonnock. Their children were Ephraim b. 9. Sept. 1684 ; Samuel 12. April 1686. Both he & his wife were members of the church at Pequonnock in 1695. F. T. & Pequonnock C. Rec.

John s. of Nathaniel Seeley 1., settled at F., & m. Rebecca d. of Ezekiel Sandford 1. He next m. Sarah, d. of George Squire. His children were Sarah bapt. 28. Oct. 1694 ; John the father died soon after, & his son Nehemiah was baptized by his mother Sarah, 12. July 1696 ; & sons Robert & Nathaniel, & d. Sarah 30. Aug. 1696. F. T. Rec.

SILLIMAN

Daniel Sillivant, Silleman or Sillemant, was in Fairfield 1658. The name is derived from a silly-man, not silly or witless, as the word is used in modern times, but innocent, free of guile,—a good man. About 1690 the name came to be spelled Silliman. Whether the above Daniel was related to Daniel Sillivant or Selevant of New Haven, who married before 1652 Abigail only d. of James Cole † of Hartford, is the Daniel S., who m. 17. Oct. 1654 Eliza Lamberton, d. of Capt. George Lamberton, (master of the famous Phantom ship, or the ship in the Air, lost in 1646), Savage does not seem to be able to reconcile. He states that in the New Haven records one William Trowbridge 9. March 1667 was married at Milford to Elizabeth widow of Daniel Sillivant & d. of George Lamberton. "But before this m. & after the death of Sillivant, his, Lamberton's widow Elizabeth, had, Oct. 1655, conveyed to John Cole of Hartford, the house & lands given to her husband & his former wife Abigail, by James Cole her father in his will," yet he goes on to state, "that the said Daniel died in Virginia in 1655, leaving a will, probated in June of the same

* This valuable record gives the full clue to the situation of Paul's Neck & Seeley's Neck.

† James Cole m. the widow of —— Edwards in England, who was the mother of William Edwards of Hartford. Richard the son of this William Edwards, m. Mary d. of Lieut Col. John Talcott of Hartford by his first wife Helena Wakeman, d. of Rev. John Wakeman of New Haven.—Goodwin.

year, naming widow ; but there have been doubts, however indistinct, if the name were not the same with the (Daniel Silliman) man's in the former article." Turning to the 48 p. of Goodwin's Genealogical Notes, I find that he spells this name Sullavane & not Sillevant as Savage has it ; but it is plain that Daniel Sullavane & Daniel Sillevant were one & the same, who married James Cole's d : Abigail. The probability is that this Daniel Sillivant was closely related to the Daniel of F. Tradition relates that the first Daniel of F. was from Holland. Savage goes on to say, "& the derivation is quite distinct from the city of Lucca in Italy, in the early days of the Protestant reformation throughout Geneva, where had settled the father of one Daniel. This Daniel was chosen in 1575, into the Council of 200 for that Republic." It has been suggested by persons familiar with the nomenclature & pronunciation of family names, that this Sillivant may have been of Irish extraction. Close investigation upon this suggestion may lead to a clearer solution of facts.

DANIEL SILLIVANT 1. of F. entered into a marriage contract in July 1661 with Peacable, the widow of John Eggleston * of F. He purchased of Joseph Middlebrook sr., as administrator on the estate of John Eggleston, ten acres of land left for the use of Eggleston's son, bounded n. & w. with a highway, s. e. with a run of water lying on the other side of the mill-creek, under the hill (Uncoway creek) near the place where Samuel Morehouse's old mill stood. This lot was s. w. of the present Black Rock bridge. He was afterwards granted 2½ acres "at the wading place," over the creed, bounded west by a sedge marsh, the town reserving the right to use the stones to build a bridge over said creek. By his m. with Peacable Eggleston, it is said he had sons Daniel, Thomas & Robert. His second wife was Hannara, Henichy or Hannah widow of "Hendrick" or "Henry Hendrickson." He was a man of influence, & was one of the land dividend holders in the town. He died intestate in 1690. The inventory of his estate, valued at 302£. 14ˢ 6ᵈ., was made 13, of Jan 1690[11]. His property was divided between his widow "Hannara" & his three sons.

DANIEL 2. s. of Daniel Silliman 1., m. Abigail d. of ———— who was not bapt. until 30, Dec. 1694. Their children were Daniel, John, Abigail, Mary, & Peacable, all bapt. 12. May 1695 ; & Jemima 11. April 1697. F. Par. Rec. Daniel the father died in 1697.

THOMAS Silliman died a bachelor in 1712 ; & his estate was divided between his brother Robert & the children of Daniel 2.

CAPT. JOHN 1., s. of Daniel Silliman 2. m. Annah d. of ————. Their children were Sarah bapt. 23. March 1717[18] ; Anne 1. Nov. 1719 ; Abigail 5. Nov. 1721 ; Mary 23. Feb. 1723[4].

DANIEL 3. s. of Daniel Silliman 2. m. Thankful d. of ———— & died in 1717. He does not appear to have had any children.

ROBERT 1., s. of Daniel Silliman 1. m. Sarah d. of Cornelius Hull 1. . Their children were Sarah bapt. 16. Sept. 1694 ; Nathaniel 27. Sept. 1696 ; Anne 12. March 1698[2] ; Martha 24. Aug: 1701 ; Robert 19. March 1703[4] ; Rebecca 8. April 1705 ; Ebenezer 21. Sept. 1707. Robert the father died in 1748.

Robert 2. s. of Robert Silliman 1. m. 20. Oct 1715, Ruth d. of Samuel Tredwell of Pequonnock. Their children were Robert, b. 26. Sept. 1716 ; Ruth bapt. 24. Aug 1718 ; Daniel b. 31. Dec 1722 ; Sarah b. 17. Feb 1728[2] ; John b. 9. April 1731. Ruth wife of Robert Silliman died 15. March 1756 ; & he m. 2ᵈ wife Mary Morehouse 14. Dec. 1756. Their children were Ruth b. 19. Aug 1760, & perhaps others.

EBENEZER s. of Robert Silliman 1. m. 8. Oct. 1728, Abigail d. of Gold Selleck of Stamford. Their children were Gold Selleck, b, 7, May 1732, & bapt. 14. May following ; Ebenezer b. 21. June 1734 & bapt. 7. July of same year ; Amelia b, 30. Oct. 1736 & bapt. 31. Oct. next day ; Hezekiah b, 11. March 1738/9, & bapt. 18. March following ; Jonathan b. 31. Aug. & bapt. 5. Sept. 1742 ; Abigail b. 28. Oct. 1745, & bapt. 10. Nov. same year ; Deodate b. 13, Sept. 1749 & bapt 31. Dec. An illustration of early baptisms.

* John Eggleston died in 1659, leaving one son John, who died not many years after his father.

Gen. GOLD SELLECK, s. of Ebenezer Silliman 1. m. 21. Jan 1754 Martha d. of Rev. John & Martha Gold Selleck Davenport. Their children were William, b. 22. July 1756; Priscilla b. 22 June 1772 & d. 23. Nov. 1773. Mrs. Martha Silliman d. 1. Aug. 1773. Gen. Gold Selleck Silliman m. 2d, 24. May 1775 at Stonington, Mary wid. of Rev. Joseph Noyes of New Haven, & d. of Rev. Joseph Fish of Stonington, & great grand daughter of John Alden & Priscilla Mullens. Their children were Gold Selleck, b. 26. Oct. 1777, & Benjamin b. 8. Aug. 1779 a well-known lawyer of New York. Gen Silliman d. 21. July 1790. His son Gold Selleck d. in Brooklyn L. I. 1868. Benjamin became the distinguished professor of Yale College, who d. in 1864 at a ripe old age & crowned with many honors. He left son Benjamin, who also became a professor of distinction at Yale. William Silliman, s of Gen. Gold Selleck Silliman was a Major in the Revolution.

SHERWOOD

THOMAS SHERWOOD was born 1585–6 in England. In April, 1634, he, his wife Alice, and children Ann, Rose, Thomas and Rebecca, sailed from Ipswich, Co. Suffolk, England, in ship Frances. He was for a time at Wethersfield, Conn., and appeared at Fairfield as early as 1648, when a bill of sale of land to John Holly by Sherwood, appears on Stamford (Ct.) land records. In 1650 he bought land at Barlow's Plain, Fairfield. His will, dated July 21, 1655, and offered for probate Oct. 25th of same year, names children by first wife, *Jane*, Tomson, (probably Thomasine,) Margaret, Sarah, Hannah, (probably the "*Ann*" of 1634,) Rose,[2] Thomas[2] and Rebecca.[2] It also mentions his second wife Mary and her children, as follows: Stephen, Matthew, Mary, Ruth, Abigail and Isaac, fourteen children in all. His estate amounted to £392. His widow Mary married John Banks, a prominent man at Fairfield, afterwards at Rye, N. Y. She died 1693/4, John Banks having died in 1684.

Of above children, it is probable that Jane Tomson, Margaret and Sarah remained in England, their father's age being mentioned as 48 when he came to America.

Of Rose[2] nothing positive is known, but she was probably the Rose who married 1st, Thomas Rumble of Statford, 2d Thomas Barlow of Fairfield, and 3d Edward Nash of Norwalk. In 1699 Edward Nash, then of Norwalk, deeded land to his kinsman, Isaac Sherwood.

Thomas[2] Sherwood (Thomas[1]) is called ten years of age in 1634, when his father came over. He was admitted freeman at Hartford Oct. 13, 1664. He was the first miller at Mill River, in Fairfield. He married four times, as follows:

First, Sarah Wheeler, dau. Thomas and Anne Wheeler, by whom he had:

Thomas,[3] born before 1654; died 1699, at Fairfield.

Sarah,[3] born before 1659; she married John Whitlock.

Sarah Wheeler died before Aug. 21, 1659.

Second, Ann Tumey, dau. Benjamin and Mary Tumey, and had:

Mary[3]; she married David Whitlock

Benjamin[3]; died about 1737.

Samuel,[3] who died June, 1725, at Fairfield.

Ruth,[3]

Hannah[3]

Abigail,[3] married David Ogden, who died May 1, 1744, at Greenfield, in 74th year.

Third, Elizabeth Cable, widow of John Cable, Jr., by whom he had:

Isaac,[3] died 1748 at Norwalk, Ct.

Phoebe,[3] who married Samuel Bradley, Sr.

Fourth, Sarah Coley, widow of Peter Coley and daughter of Humphrey Hide. By her he had no children.

Thomas[2] Sherwood died in Fairfield, 1697.

Stephen[2] Sherwood married three times, as follows:

First, Rebecca Tumey, daughter Benjamin and Mary Tumey.

Second, Hannah (Jackson) Galpin, widow of Philip Galpin and daughter of Henry Jackson. This marriage took place between May 22, 1686, and Oct. 30, 1688.

Third. Mary Merwin, widow of —— Merwin before that widow of Luke Guire, and daughter Edward and Mary Adams. This marriage took place between 1697 and 1701. No children by her. Mary (Adams) [Guire] [Merwin] Sherwood was born in 1647 and died 1712, a widow, at Fairfield.

Stephen Sherwood's children, of whom possibly four were by second wife, were :

Stephen [3]; died about 1713 at Rye, N. Y.

Joseph,[3]

Daniel [3]; died 1715 at Fairfield.

Mary,[3] who married Daniel Burr of Fairfield as his second wife. She died before 1696.

Nathaniel,[3] died 1733, at Rye, N. Y., leaving nine children.

Jabez,[3] died about 1704 at Greenwich, Ct., *unmd.*

Jonathan,[3] of Rye, N. Y., in 1731.

Samuel,[3] of Rye, N. Y., in 1743.

Andrew,[3] died before 1736 at Rye, N. Y., leaving son Daniel.

John, [3] died about 1731 at Rye, N. Y.

Ruth,[3] who married a Merritt.

Matthew [2] Sherwood (Thomas [1]), known as Captain Matthew, died Oct. 26, 1715, at Stratfield, (now Bridgeport,) Ct., in his 72d year. He married, 1st. Sarah Tumey, daughter Benjamin and Mary Tumey, by whom he had :

Matthew,[3] who died 1709 at Fairfield

Captain Matthew [2] Sherwood, married 2d, Mary Fitch, daughter Thomas Fitch of Norwalk, Ct. By her he had :

Samuel,[3] who died Nov. 10, 1732, at Stratfield, in his 52d year, of malignant fever.

Lemuel [3]; died Sep. 2, 1732, at Stratfield, of dropsy.

John [3]; died 1696 at Stratford, Ct.

Mary ;[3] died Sep. 16, 1752, at Montville, Ct.

Sarah [3]; died May 25, 1743, at Stratfield, in 67th year.

Ann [3]

Mary (Fitch) Sherwood died Dec. 25, 1730, ae. abt. 87. Her grave stone has word "about" on it.

Ruth [2] Sherwood (Thomas [1]), is probably the Ruth Sherwood who married Joshua Holcomb of Simsbury, Ct., June 4, 1662/3. (Savage, Vol. 5, p. 227.)

Isaac [2] Sherwood (Thomas [1]) married Elizabeth Jackson, dau. John and Elizabeth Jackson, before 1676, when he received grant from town of Eastchester, N. Y. In 1678 he was of Rye, N. Y., and in 1687 bought land at Compo, (Westport,) Ct., where he was still living in 1733. His children were Daniel,[3] Isaac,[3] John,[3] David,[3] Abigail,[3] Thomas,[3] and Elizabeth.[3]

Thomas[3] Sherwood (Thomas[2] Thomas[1]) married Sarah ——. His children were :

William,[4] who is mentioned as having been at Cape May ;

Rebecca ;[4] Mary [4]; Ruth [4]; Margery [4]; Thomas [4]; Evis.[4] This family removed to Eastchester, N. Y.

Benjamin [3] Sherwood (Thomas,[2] Thomas [1]) married Sarah ——. His children were :

Mindwell, [4] b. Sep. 8, 1696 ;

Mary, [4] b. Jan. 8, 1692/3 ;

Benjamin,[4] b. Mch. 1, 1700/1 ;

Joseph, [4] b. Nov. 21, 1702 ;

Noah, [4] b. May 8, 1707 ;

Sarah,[4] b. Aug. 12, 1711 ;

Samuel[3] Sherwood (Thomas,[2] Thomas[1]) married at Fairfield and had :

Sarah[4] ;

Samuel[4]; md. Jane Burr.

Abigail[4] ;

Anne[4] ;

Daniel,[4] b. Apl. 5, 1708 ; d. Feb. 20, 1784, at Greenfield.

Ruth[3] Sherwood (Thomas[2] Thomas[1]) married 1st Samuel Drake, son Samuel and Ann (Barlow) Drake. 2d, John Barlow, son John and Abigail (Lockwood) Barlow.

Hannah[3] Sherwood (Thomas[2] Thomas[1]) married 1st, John Bradley, eldest son Francis and Ruth (Barlow) Bradley, and had :

Abigail[4] *Bradley :*

John[4] *Bradley.*

Elizabeth[4] *Bradley :*

Ruth[4] *Bradley :*

Joseph[4] *Bradley*, from whom is descended Chief Justice Joseph P. Bradley.

Hannah[4] Bradley.

Hannah[3] Sherwood married 2d, Cornelius Jones of Stamford, Ct., by whom she had Rebecca, Samuel, Deborah and Nathan.

Isaac[3] Sherwood (Thomas[2] Thomas[1]) was at Norwalk, Ct., as early as 1694. He married Mary —— and had :

Isaac,[4]

Rebecca,[4]

Elizabeth,[4]

John.[4]

Stephen[3] Sherwood (Stephen[2] Thomas[1]) married Mary (probably Hoyt.) His children were :

Mary[4]

Stephen[4]

Joseph[3] Sherwood (Stephen[2] Thomas[1]) married Elizabeth ———. Children :

Joseph,[4] Elizabeth,[4] Phœbe,[4] all of Rye, N. Y.

Daniel[3] Sherwood (son Stephen[2]) married Tabitha ———. He left no children.

Matthew Sherwood, Jr[3] (son Capt. Matthew) married Elizabeth Morehouse, dau. Samuel and Rebecca (Odell) Morehouse, and died 1709, leaving daughter, Sarah,[4] who married Timothy Tredwell. She died before 1713.

Samuel[3] Sherwood, (son Capt. Matthew,) married Rebecca Burr, dau. Nathaniel and Sarah (Ward) Burr, Nov. 30, 1704. Burr Genealogy is wrong in saying she was daughter of Nathaniel's second wife Ann.

Samuel[3] Sherwood's children :

John[4] ; first minister Baptist church at Stratfield.

Nathaniel.[4]

Sarah.[4]

Mary.[4]

Abigail.[4]

Rebecca.[4]

Esther.[4]

Thomas.[4]

Andrew.[4]

Samuel[3] Sherwood married 2d, Mary (Wheeler) Jackson, widow of Henry Jackson and daughter of Isaac and Martha (Park) Wheeler, by whom he had :

Prudence.[4]

Lemuel [3] Sherwood (son Capt. Matthew) was known as Deacon Lemuel, and was Town Clerk many years.

He married 1st, Ann Wheeler, dau. Sergeant John and Elizabeth (Rowland) Wheeler. A Nathan Sherwood, born 1703, afterwards of Stamford, was son of Lemuel, probably by the first wife. Lemuel, in his will (1732) calls Matthew "my eldest son."

Dea. Lemuel Sherwood md. 2d, Experience Wheeler, dau. Isaac and Martha (Park) Wheeler, May 17, 1711, by whom he had: Matthew,[4] Hannah[4]; Anne[4]; Abiah[4] (md. David Middlebrooks of Stratford); Mehetable[4] (md ——— Hubbell), and Andrew.[4] Anne Sherwood married John Brooks of Stratford.

Dea. Lemuel Sherwood md. 3d Joannah Phippeny, (probably widow James Phippeny,) Mch. 8, 1722.

Dea. Lemuel Sherwood md. 4th, Anne Silliman, dau. Robert and Sarah (Hull) Silliman, June 27, 1728, and had:

Experience.[4]

Samuel.[4]

Hannah.[4]

John [3] Sherwood (Matthew [2] Thomas [1]) married Joannah Booth, dau. Ephraim and Mary Booth and had: Jemimah, who married John Gold.

Mary [3] Sherwood (Matthew [2] Thomas [1]) married 1st, Captain Daniel Fitch, son Rev. James and Priscilla (Mason) Fitch of Norwich, Ct., by whom she had five children.

She married 2d, Joseph Bradford, son of Major William and Widow (Wiswall) Bradford, and grandson of Gov. William Bradford, by whom she had one child, *John*, Bradford, born May 20, 1717, at Mohegan; died March 10, 1787, at Montville, Ct.

Sarah [3] Sherwood (dau. Capt. Matthew [2]) married 1st, Ephraim Wheeler; 2d Benjamin Fayerweather; 3d, Anthony Nouguier, the latter a money-lender of that period.

Ann [3] Sherwood, (dau. Capt. Matthew), married 1st Joseph Trowbridge; 2d, Caleb Fairchild.

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SPRAGUE

William Sprague who settled at F., was probably of the Hingham family of Spragues, & yet I find no connecting link. His record of lands at F. was recorded 23. Oct 1680. He m. Hannah d. of Humphrey Hide 1, & purchased of Samuel Coley 25. June 1696, the home-lot which his grandfather Humphrey Hide left him next the rocks. On the 25. of Jan. 1697[8], he sold one half of this home-lot to Jonathan Sturgis, bounded n. w. with the rocks, s. w. land of said Jonathan Sturgis, & n. e. with the highway. He also sold said Jonathan Sturgis land lying s. w. of this, & the east end of his dwelling house, with the chimneys, all his bedding, trammels, tongs, kettles, or whatsoever he possessed in F.; & with the consent of his nonage d. Hannah four acres in Mill Plain. Benjamin Rumsey & John Hyde purchased through Philip Lewis, the long-lot which Sprague sold to said Lewis. Besides the d. Hannah above mentioned, there was born to William Sprague a s. Humphrey 8. June 1680.

SQUIRE

George Squire or Squier 1. was at Concord in 1642, where, says Savage, he had a s. b. 11. March 1643, & removed to F. about 1644, probably with the Rev. John Jones, or very soon after. He was one of the sharers in the land dividends of the township. His children were, Thomas, John, Jonathan, Samuel, & d. Sarah who m. John Seely. He mentions his grand-son George, s. of his s. George, in his will.

GEORGE 2. s. of George Squire 1., was propounded for a freeman in 1672, but d. as early as 1674, leaving a s. George.

SERGT. THOMAS 1., s. of George Squire 1. was propounded for a freeman with his brother George in 1672. He was an early settler at Woodbury. Savage thinks he was first at Stratford. He d. 9. April 1712, leaving s.s. Thomas; Samuel; Ebenezer; John; & ds. Hannah; Martha: Sarah; Elizabeth; all bapt. — Aug. 1697. He had another s. Joseph b. 25. Dec 1698. His descendants were numerous & highly respectable. See "Cothren's Hist. of Ancient Woodbury."

JONATHAN 1 s. of George Squire 1. m. —— d. of ——. Their children were: Abigail bapt. 11. Nov. 1694. & Deborah 23 July 1699. F. Par Rec.

ENSIGN. SAMUEL 1. s. of George Squire 1. m —— d. of ——. Their children, were: Joseph. John, Samuel & Sarah, all bapt. 16. April 1704; Rebecca 17. June 1705,—Benjamin 15 June 1707, F. Par. Rec.

GEORGE 3. s. of George Squire 2. was bapt. 5. June 1709; He m. —— d. of ——. Their children were: George bapt. 6 Dec. 1702; Daniel, 30 Jan. 17031; Ephraim 6. May 1705; Bethyah 20. Oct. 1706; Jane 9. May 1708. Jane again 16. Oct. 1709. F. Par Rec.

JOSEPH s. of Samuel Squire 1. m. ——. d. of ——. d. of ——. Their children were: Sarah bapt. 8. Jan. 1715^{12}; Abigail 20. Jan. 1716^{17}; Joseph 18 May 1718. F. Par Rec.

SERGT. JOHN, s. of of Samuel Squire 1. m. ——. d. of ——. There children were: Ebenezer bapt. 30. Nov. 1718; David 26. June 1720; Benjamin 1. July 1722; Hannah 20, Feb. 1725^{6}; Elizabeth 16. June 1728; Nathan 28. Feb. 1730^{11}. F. Par Rec.

JONATHAN 2. s. of Jonathan Squire 1. m. ——. d. of ——. They had a s. Jonathan b. 27. Sept. 1713, & perhaps had other children. F. Par Rec.

The Squire family were among the leading men of the town of F. & from George Squire 1. are to be found professional, military & business men of position & trust throughout the country.

STAPLES

THOMAS STAPLES was one of the first five settlers of F., & a freeman in 1669, with others who had been long at F. By wife Mary he had children Thomas & John & d. Mary, who was the 2. wife of Josiah Harvey; Hannah, who m. John Beach; & Mehitable who m. probably Jonathan Fanton. He was a man of remarkable energy of character, & of importance in the town of F. He resided on the s. w. side of the Ludlow square. He was a large land holder, & d. before 1688. His wid. Mary Staples' will is dated 1696, in which she mentions sons Thomas & John; Mary w. of Josiah Harvey; Hannah w. of John Beach, grand-child Hannah Harvey, grand-child Mehitable Fanton; her loving friend Mary Slawson, & leaves a book to Abraham Gold by Dr. Preston.

JOHN STAPLES 1. m. —— d. of ——. Their children were: Thomas; Abigail; Michael & Hezekiah. all bapt. 28. July 1695; Hannah 14. Feb. 1696/7; John 15. Nov. 1701; Demaris & Eunice 21. May 1704; Phebe 16. March 1706^{7}.

THOMAS 2. s. of Thomas Staples 1. m. Deborah, d. of ——. Their children were: Thomas bapt. 14. Sept. 1701; Samuel 30. May 1708.

THOMAS STAPLES 3. m. Deborah, d. of ——. Their children were: Thomas b. 14. Dec. 1735; Mary 5. July 1738; Ruhamah 17, June 1739; Samuel 6. March 1740^{1}; Mary 24 Oct. 1742.

The Staples family appears to have largely settled at Greens Farms & Westport. Among the representatives of this name at Westport, is the aged Hon Horace Staples, president of the First Nat. Bank, & the liberal founder of the Staples Academy.

STURGES

JOHN STURGES, 1; sometimes spelled Sturge & Sturgee in the T. Rec., settled at F. in 1660 in the 37 year of his age; & purchased Richard Fowles homestead; was made a freeman 14. May 1669;

appointed select man the same year, & owned a large estate at F. His will is dated 4, March 1697[8], in which he gives to his s. Jonathan his homestead, his sword & various parcels of land ; to s. Joseph his fowling-piece, long-gun & various parcels of land ; to s. John his little gun ; to d. Deborah w. of James Redfield, several parcels of land, & his negro woman Jenny ; to his grand-son Christopher Sturgis 5,£ ; to his son-in-law Richard Straten 5[s], & to said Straten's five children by his d. Sarah 5£, to be equally divided between them, out of his moveable estate ; to d. Abigail w. of Simon Couch his negro boy Jack. The rest of his moveable estate, he divided between his two dau's ; Deborah & Abigail. To his absent s. Thomas, " if he ever returned again " he gave 60£, out of the rest of his children's property. He had previously given his sons various parcels of land in the town. His first residence appears to have been on the n. w. side of the highway, leading into Millplain. He m. Deborah, d. of John Barlow. He appears from a T. Rec. to have been the father-in-law of Benjamin Seeley, but no mention is made of this dau. in his will.

Jonathan 1. s. of John Sturgis 1. (b. in 1650) m. Susannah d. of John Banks 1. He died 29. Nov. 1711, leaving a son Jonathan.

JONATHAN 2. s. of Jonathan Sturgis 1., m. Sarah d. of David Osborn of Easterchester, 31. July 1692 (s. of Capt. Richard Osborn 1. of F.) Their children were : Jonathan b. 1679. David b. 7 Jan 1695 ; Sarah 22 Dec 1701 ; Abigail 8. Sept 1704 ; Eunice 4. Jan 1709. Jonathan Sturgis the father died, & his widow Sarah m. Judge Peter Burr of F.

JOSEPH 1. s. of John Sturges 1., m. Sarah d. of Joseph Beers. Their children were Christopher ; Joseph, David & Jeremiah, all bapt. 24 May 1696. Solomon 15, May 1698 ; Sarah 10. March 1699[1200] ; Esther 2. March 1700[1] ; Abigail 14. June 1702 ; Jane 12. March 1703[4]; Deborah 1 June 1708 ; Benjamin 5. Feb 1709[10]. In his will he mentions second wife Mary ; d. Esther Lines; d. Abigail Osborn ; d. Sarah Sherman, & grand-child Mary Dimon.

JOHN 2. s. of John Sturgis 1. m. Mary d. of George Goodwin of F., & pur. in 1682 of the heirs of said Goodwin, his homestead on the high-way leading to Mill Plain. Their children were Benjamin b. 30. Dec 1694 ; Ebenezer 23. May 1697 ; Dorothy 28. Sept 1701 ; Eleazer 30. Oct. 1703 ; John 3. March 1705[6]; Elizabeth 29. Aug 1708 ; Elnathan 5. Feb 1710[11]. In his will he mentions second wife Abigail, & d. Abigail. His d. Margery m. Christopher Godfrey. In a deed 2. May 1729, he gives to his son-in-law's Christopher Godfrey 2. Francis Bradley 2. & David Williams, all his right in the long-lots, left him by his honored father John Sturgis, & his father-in-law George Goodwin, lying above the Aspetuck river, except what he had already given his sons Benjamin & Ebenezer. Benjamin Seeley who settled in East Hampton L. I. appears to have m. one of his dau's.

PETER probably a grand-son of John 1. m. Hannah d. of Joshua Jennings. Their children were Samuel, Jonathan & Hannah bapt. 16. Sept. 1716 ; David 6 Feb. 1718[19]; Grace 8. March 1723[4]; Sarah 15. May 1726 ; Abigail 21. July 1728 ; Anne 25. April 1731 ; Ellen 21. March 1735.

DAVID s. of Joseph Sturgis 1., m. —— d. of —— Their children were Nehemiah, bapt. 8. March 1718[19]; Elizabeth, 6. March 1719[20]; Elizabeth, again 5. March 1720[21]; The father died probably about this time, as another d. Mary was bapt. by her mother. 7. March 1734[5].

CHRISTOPHER s. of Joseph Sturgis 2., m. —— d. of —— & settled at Greens Farms near the Green. Their children were Nathan bapt. 8. Oct 1710 ; Joseph 5. Oct 1712 ; Christopher 4. Sept. 1715. & probably others.

Jonathan Sturgis 3. m. Jerushia Thompson. d. of John Thompson 2. & Sarah Gold d. of Major Nathan Gold. Their daughter Sarah m. Ebenezer Wakeman June 24. 1724. They had a s. Ebenezer b. 26. June 1725. Ebenezer the father died 25, Sept. 1726 aged 27 years. His wid. Sarah m. Lothrop Lewis 26. July 1727, & their youngest daughter Deborah, m. Judge Jonathan Sturgis Oct. 26. 1760, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of the Independence of the United States ; & the grandfather of the late Jonathan Sturgis of Mill Plain.

THOMPSON

JOHN THOMPSON, who settled at Pequonnock, m. Elizabeth d. of Thomas Sherwood 1. He died in 1658. His children were Elizabeth aged 13 ; Mary 8 ; John 6 ; & Hester 3. His widow Elizabeth entered into a covenant of marriage with Daniel Finch 25 —— 1657. Hester Thompson his d. m. Samuel Judson of Stratford. F. T. & Prob. Rec.

JOHN 2. s. of John Thompson 1. m. Sarah d. of Major Nathan Gold 25. April 1684. Their children were Jerushia, b. 11. May 1685 ; John, 21. Feb. 1686$\frac{1}{2}$; Sarah, 4. Oct. 1689. F. T. Rec. David bapt. 3. May 1696. F. Par. Rec. Jerushia, m. Jonathan Sturges of F.

DAVID 1 s. of John Thompson 2. m. —— d. of ——— Their children were David bapt. 19. March 1720$\frac{21}{2}$; David again, 12. May 1723 ; & Sarah 24. May 1724. F. Par. Rec.

TREADWELL

SAMUEL TREADWELL was made a freeman of F. in 1670. In 1673, he recorded from the town, a pasture & building lot at Pequonnock of 14 acres. He m. Martha d. of ———. Their children were Samuel ; Edward ; John b. 11. Feb. 1674 ; Ruth 20. Jan 1679 who m. Robert Silliman 2. 20. Oct. 1715 ; & Ephraim 7. March 1681. F. T. Rec.

EDWARD s. of Samuel Treadwell 1. was in 1695 a member of Christ's Church Pequonnock. He m. Mary d. of ——. Their children were.

JOHN 1. s. of Samuel Treadwell 1. also lived at Pequonnock.

SAMUEL 2. s. of Samuel Treadwell 1. settled at Pequonnock & m. Martha d. of ———.

TURNEY

BENJAMIN TURNEY 1. was first at Concord, Mass. where the birth of three children were recorded, namely—Rebecca b. 16. Feb. 1640 ; Sarah 11. Dec. 1641 ; & Ruth 28. Jan. 1644. He was made a freeman 2. June 1641 ; removed to Fairfield soon after, & there had s. Benjamin & other children. He died in 1648. His inventory was made 6. June 1648 at which time the record of his children were, Mary 17 years old ; Robert 15 ; Judith 13 ; Ann 11 ; Rebecca 8 ; Sarah 6 ; Ruth 4 ; Benjamin 3. Savage says that his widow Mary, who was probably the mother of all his children, m. Joseph Middlebrook, who had also removed from Concord to Fairfield. His daughter Mary, m. Nathaniel Seely & Rebecca m. Stephen Sherwood of Greenwich. The older children were probably born in England.

CAPT. ROBERT 1., eldest s. of Benjamin Turney 1., settled at Pequonnock, & purchased of Henry Jackson 24. Dec. 1673, the home-lots of Thomas Wheeler Sr. & Thomas Wheeler jr. By his will, dated 31. Dec. 1689, he gives to his s. Benjamin his house & home lot, formerly John Wheeler's, lying between James Beer's and John Thompson's home-lot, $\frac{1}{2}$ of his long-lot & $\frac{1}{2}$ of his perpetual common, other lands & his best sword & belt, when said Benjamin became 20 years of age. To s. Robert his two home-lots at F. lying between Mr. William Hill's dec., & in the rear of Samuel Grumman's lot. $\frac{1}{2}$ of his long-lot & the other half of his perpetual common, with other lands. To wife Elizabeth, during her widowhood, the s. e. end of his dwelling house & cellar, & $\frac{1}{3}$ of his movable estate ; the other end of his dwelling house he gave to his s. Benjamin. To Joseph Jennings 15^{s} in right of his wife ; 5^{s} to Ephraim Wheeler in right of his dec. wife ; To d's Elizabeth, Mary, Ruth, Martha, & Rebecca, minors, all the rest of his movable estate, & dividend lands at Compo, Paul's Neck, & Reed Ponds. He appointed his brother-in-law Samuel Wilson of Fairfield his sole executor ; his loving brethren Sergt. John Wheeler & Benjamin Turney to be the over-seers of his estate. He d. soon after, & his inventory was probated 17. Jan 1690. The F. T. Rec. give the following births of his four daughters, Abigail b. 25. Feb. 1661 ; Sarah 25. Sept. 1663 ; Elizabeth 15. July 1668 ; Rebecca 10. July 1671.

BENJAMIN 2. s. of Benjamin Turney 1. of F , m. Rebecca d. of Ralph Keeler of Norwalk, 16. Nov 1671. He d. about 1694. Their children were, Benjamin b. 3. Sept 1672 ; Robert 6.

March, 1673/4; Rebecca 16. Oct. 1676: Thomas 5. Jan. 1678/9, & others. In the F. T. Rec. after the father's death, the following children were mentioned, Benjamin aged 22; Robert 20; Rebecca 18; Thomas & Sarah 15; Jemima 8; & Jonathan 4. These children were not baptised until 27. Jan. 1694/5, all at the same time. F. Par. Rec.

The descendants of Benjamin Turney 1. to the present time, occupy the land at Paul's Neck & Concord-field, which the town granted him, & which he willed to his s. Capt. Robert Turney 1.

Concerning the *Wakeley Family* of *Conn.*

Compiled from the town records of Stratford, and probate records of Fairfield, Conn., by G. M. Bartholomew of Austin, Texas.

Name often spelled Wakelin, Weaklin, Weakley, Wakelee, etc.

Richard Wakeley, with Henry, James & Alice, his children,* was in Hartford in 1640. Freeman in Haddam in 1669 and died there in 1681. His will made that year mentions

Children—2. *Henry*, 3. *James*, 4. *Alice*, mentioned in Hartford court records in 1663; died in 1683.

2. *Henry.*

Henry Wakeley, son of Richard (1). born in England. First lawyer of record in Hartford. Had two lots there in 1639. Removed to Stratford; where widow Elizabeth Curtiss in 1658 names him as an executor of her will. Land was granted to him there before 1663, May 16, 1669, and May 12, 1681 the General Assembly of Conn., granted him several hundred acres of land "for services done by him in & about Mattebeseck, & for some damage he received thereby," and also to settle differences between him and Middletown. Represented his brother James, as his Attorney in his trouble with the General Court. He married Sarah ——. She was possibly daughter of Wm Crooker of Stratford, whose land was, after his death (before 1663) confirmed by deed of "purchase & gift" to him—Henry Wakeley—by widow Crooker & Isaac Nichols.

He died in 1690; mentioning in will of July 11, 1689 besides widow & below named children, also Tho's Lattin, & Eliz^{h} Squier^{s} as heirs, & Henry Stevens "who lives with me." Widow Sarah was still living Oct. 15, 1709. Children—5. Deliverance, 6. James, 7. Jacob, 8. Patience, m. Timothy Titharton, Oct. 3, 1692; 9. Abigail, 10. Mary, m. Henry Stevens bef. 1689.

3. *James.*

James Wakeley, son of Richard (1) b. in Eng. Removed from Hartford to Wethersfield. The General Court Feb'y 23, 1652, judged the Deputies action in marrying James Wakeley and widow Boosy to be illegal. She sued for breach of promise. The matter seems to have been amicably settled, as he afterwards mentions her as his wife. She was the widow of James Boosy a very prominent member of the Gen'l Assembly, in which he represented Wethersfield nearly every session until his death.

He left the Colony in 1666, and lived in Rhode Island.

A recognizance for his appearance before the Court assistants being forfeited, his house & lands were taken to satisfy it. In 1673 & 1681 he petitioned for abatement of the forfeiture, but without success. Mentioned as weaver in Providence R. I., where he deeds his wife Alice, certain portions of his property.

5. *Deliverance.*

Deliverance, son of Henry (2), born prob. in Stratford. m. Hannah Nash, Dec. 3, 1678. Lived in Stratford, dying there Nov. 6, 1707. His will Oct. 15, 1707, mentions: Widow, his mother, daughters Sarah and Mary & Mary Summers "who has long lived with me."

His widow m. 2^{d} Tho's Witchem. Joseph Burritt and Nath'l Curtiss, May 8, 1722, acknowledge receipt of all lands due them as his heirs.

* Authority Hinman.

Children—11. Ebenezer, died Mar 27, 1683 ; 12. Hannah, died Aug. 1683 ; 13. Henry & 14. Sarah (m.? Nath'l Curtiss?) Twins born Dec. 1, 1683. Henry died Dec. 7, 1683 ; 15. Mary, b. March 3, 1688–9, m. Joseph Burritt Nov. 25, 1708.

6. *James.*

James Wakeley, son of Henry (2). m. 1st possibly a dau. of Chas. Chauncey of Stratford. 2d Hannah dau. of Hugh Griffin & wife Dorothy dau. of Thos. Skidmore. Feb'y 26, 1701–2. Lived in Stratford. Joined the Episcopal Church June 4, 1724 ; and was made one of its Vestrymen the same year.

In 1713 he sold one half of the land granted his father Henry by the Gen'l Assembly.

Children—16. James, b. Dec. 28, 1688–9 ; 17. Henry, b. May 15, 1691 ; 18. Joseph, 19. Israel, 20. Nathaniel, 21 Hannah, m. Nehemiah Allyn of Litchfield, May 30, 1728 ; 22. Dinah, m. Daniel Curtiss, Nov. 26, 1719 ; 23. Abigail.

7. *Jacob.*

Jacob Wakeley, son Henry (2); m. Hannah Peat. Lived in Stratford.

Children—24. Jacob, b. Feb'y 10, 1676-7 ; 25. Jonithan, Feb'y 19, 1678–9 ; 26, Ruth, Aug. 27, 1681 ; 27. Henry, Jan. 27, 1683 ; 28. Joseph, Sep. 17, 1686 ; 29. Israel, Feb'y 24, 1689 ; 30. Nathaniel.

16. *James.*

James Wakeley, son of James (6). b. in Stratford Dec. 28, 1688–9 ; m. Sarah dau. of Daniel Shelton & wife Elizabeth Wells, dau. of Sam'l & granddau. of Gov. Thos. Wells. Lived in that part of Stratford since made the town of Huntington. An original member of the Episcopal Church of Stratford Dec. 9, 1722, made a Vestryman in 1729. Children—Baptized—Sarah, Nov. 1, 1722 ; Hannah, Sept. 27, 1723 ; Martha, Jan. 30, 1728 ; Abigail, Dec. 20, 1730 ; m. Nathan Shelton. (Their dau. Martha m. her 2d cousin Isaac Wells Shelton, & his dau. Charity, wife of Asa Bartholomew, was descended by three different lines from her great-grandfather Daniel Shelton, the emigrant.) James, Feb'y 11, 1733 ; Charity, Aug. 11, 1734.

18. *Joseph.*

Joseph Wakeley, son of James (6) ; m. Elizabeth Clark, April 24, 1723:

Children—Zebulon, m. Tabetha —— ; Samuel.

19. *Israel.*

Israel Wakeley, son of James (6):

Children—Israel, Deliverance, Ichabod & Thomas.

25. *Jonithan.*

Jonithan Wakeley, son of Jacob (7): b. Feby 10. 1676–7 ; d. in 1742.

Children—Jonithan, Jacob, Ebenezer, m. Jemima —— ; David, m. Abigail Hull ; Mary, m. —— Bennett ; Anne, m. —— Treadwell ; Prudence, m. —— Edwards.

27* *Henry.*

Henry Wakeley, son of Jacob (7) ; b. Jan. 27, 1683 ; m. 1st Rachel Stratton, Dec. 12, 1706 ; she dying March 10, 1707–8. He m. 2d Sarah Frost, Jan. 26, 1710–11.

Children—By 1st m.: Abigail b. Feb. 29, 1707–8 ; m. Thos. Daskum ; by 2d m., Elizabeth b. May 9, 1712 ; Abel, Jan. 16, 1714-15 ; Eunice, Nov. 11, 1717 ; Henry?, Abner Mar. 23, 1723.

* Nos. 22 & 23 may possibly have been dau's of Jacob (7)—Also No. 27 may have been a little mixed with No. 17.

WAKEMAN

The Wakman or Wakeman family were conspicuous men in the colonies of Massachusetts, New Haven & Connecticut. John Wakeman, probably son of Samuel of Hartford, was the treasurer of the New Haven Colony in 1656, & died at Hartford in 1661. Elizabeth, his d. m. Samuel Kitchell of Newark, N. J: another d. m. John Talcott jr. of Hartford. The name of Talcott Wakeman is still known, & honored in F. The will of John Wakeman is a singular document. After a grateful acknowledgment to his Maker that he was permitted to enjoy the Congregational way of worship, he adds: "but I do testify against absolute independency of churches, & perfection of any in light or actings, & against compulsion of conscience to concur with the church, without inward satisfaction to conscience; & persecuting such as dissent upon this ground, which I take to be an abuse of the power given for edification by Christ, who is only Lord of the conscience" *

The Rev. Samuel Wakeman, son of the above John Wakeman, was educated at Harvard College. He probably officiated in the ministry at Fairfield during the last days of the Rev. John Jones, & after the death of the latter, became the minister of the parish. He probably taught school in Fairfield or Pequonnock, & appears first to have lived at Pequonnock, having in 1663 purchased Thomas Wheeler's home-lot there. He afterwards purchased Dr. Thomas Pell's house & lot, on the Newton Square, in which he resided for many years with his family. On the 19. of Jan 1682, he purchased of Jacob Gray William Frost's homestead, for his son Capt. Samuel Wakeman. He m. Hannah d. of Stephen Goodyear of New Haven, Oct 29, 1656, by whom he had five sons, Samuel, Ebenezer, John, Joseph & Jabez, & three daughters, Ann, Elizabeth & Mary. In his will dated 8. March 1692; he gives an Indian girl Jane her freedom, when she arrives at the age of twenty one; £3. in money to the treasury at Hartford, to be expended by Mr. Jehu Burr in two silver bowls or cups, one of which was to be given to Christ church Fairfield, & the other to the society of Fairfield Village. He also left £3. towards a Grammar School at F.; & to each of his children a Bible. He left a large landed estate, much of which has remained among his descendants to the present day. Andrew Wakeman of F., is the present occupant of some of this land at Round Hill & Barlow's Plain. Mr Wakeman also owned land at Green's Farms & Compo, upon which his children & grandchildren settled. His widow Mrs Hannah Wakeman left an estate of over 900 £.; which was a very large fortune for those days.

Samuel Wakeman, the oldest son, by a deed of gift from his father 6. Nov. 1686, lived in the home of W^m^ Frost sr. on the Frost Square. He first m. Mary d. of Jehu Burr jr. who died leaving one child named Mary, who m. Samuel Hubbel jr. of F. His second wife was Sarah d. of Josiah Knowles of F. He died one year before his father, & his widow Sarah m. Dougal Mac Kensie of F.

Capt. John Wakeman m. Martha d. of Richard Hubbel of Pequonnock 24. April 1687. Their children were, Eleanor, b. 24. Aug. 1689; Ann 24. March 1682; Samuel 24. Feb. 1693[4]; Elizabeth 1. June 1695. Anne bapt. 17. April 1698. Martha b. 24. Sept. 1700; Stephen 15. Oct. 1702; John 29. Aug. 1705.

Lieut. Joseph Wakeman m. Elizabeth d. of Maj. John Burr. Their children were

Ebenezer,	bapt. 12,	March,	1698/9
Catherine,	" 21,	April,	1700
Elizabeth,	" 19,	April,	1702
Joseph,	" 14,	May,	1704
Jabez,	" 10,	March,	1705/6
Samuel, (s. of Capt. Joseph)	" 30,	Jan.	1708/9
Mary,	" 23,	July	1710
Samuel,	" 1,	Nov.	1713

* New Haven Col. Rec.

Capt. Joseph Wakeman willed a Sword to his son Joseph, at the present time in the possession of Andrew Wakeman Esq. of Fairfield.

Rev. Jabez Wakeman m. Eunice widow of Col. Mathew Howel of Southampton, L. I. 29. Sept. 1702. His widow married Governor Joseph Talcott of Hartford,* 26. June 1706. Col. Rec. Conn. 4, 215.

Ebenezer died young leaving his estate to his brothers & sisters.——

Ann Wakeman m. Abraham Howell of Southampton, L. I.—Elizabeth m. Mr. Albert Denny of Fairfield.—Mary, probably m. Nicholas Clagstone of Fairfield, as this name is given in the distribution of Ebenezer Wakeman's estate.

The chiidren of Nicholas & Mary Clagstone of F. were

John, bapt. 23, June, 1695.
Samuel, " 16. Jan. 1696/7
Mary, " 18, Sept. 1698.

F. Par. Rec.

Ezbon Wakeman, was the s. of Samuel Wakeman of Hartford; was at New Haven in 1653; made a freeman in 1669; & m. 1. Apr. 1669 at Guilford, Hannah Jordan. He pur. 7. March 1671 of Isaac Nichols. the Nichols homestead on the Frost Square at F. He was a Lieut. in 1681 & d. in 1683, leaving an only child Abigail, who m. Thomas Hill, a mariner. His widow m. 1685, Joseph Bastard of Boston.

WARD

ANDREW WARD was first in Watertown, Mass. He was there made a freeman 3. March 1634. On the 3. of March 1636, he was appointed with Roger Ludlow & six others by the Gen. Ct. of Mass., to govern the colony of Conn. for one year. He was therefore one of the assistants or judges of the first legislative body held in Conn. at Newtown or Hartford, on the 26. of April 1636. In 1638, he was appointed with Capt. John Mason & Mr Allen to go to Agawam or Springfield, "to treat with the Indians of Waronocke concerning the tribute towards the charges of the Pequot war, to the value of one fathom of wampum a man, & also to the Nawattocke & Pacomtuckett Indians one fathom & a quarter a man." He removed to New Haven soon after, & his name is there found among the free planters at the gathering of the church on the 4. of June 1639. On the 27. of Oct. 1641, he was with Francis Bell represented at Stamford & N. H., & both were admitted members of that court, & received the charge of freeman. At a Gen. Ct. held at New Haven on the 4. of March 1640, Andrew Ward & Robert Coe of Weathersfield were appointed "to treat with that court about the plantation (lately purchased by said town) called Toquams, or Stamford." He was appointed constable of Stamford on the 26. of March 1640. At the assembling of the Gen. Ct. of N. H. on the 5. of April 1643, his letter was presented, written in the name of the freeholders, introducing Capt. John Underhill & Richard Gildersleeve, as deputies to that court from Stamford; at the same time requesting that a magistrate might be chosen, for the better administration of the prudential affairs of that town. He, with Robert Coe, was appointed to assist at the next Gen. Ct. of Election at New Haven, "in counsel & advice for the more comely carrying on of public affairs." He was again elected one of the deputies from Stamford to the General Court of N. H. in 1644 & in 1646. He may have gone, as Trumbull & Goodwin think to Hempstead L. I., but he could only have remained there a short time, for, on the 6. of Oct. 1651,

* From "A Century Sermon" preached by the Rev. Alexander Macwharter, the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Newark, N. J. in 1807, he makes this statement of Rev. Samuel Wakeman's son Jabez: "Mr. Jabez Wakeman was the fourth minister of this church, who was settled here about the year 1701; a young man of very distinguished abilities & accomplishments, & a remarkably popular preacher. He possessed superior talents for the pulpit. But to the great affliction of the town, he lived only about three years. He died leaving a most admirable character." His widow was a daughter of Col. Mathew Howel of Southampton, L. I. She afterwards married Governor Joseph Talcott, a son of Lieut. Col. John Talcott of Hartford.

at the sitting of the General Court at Hartford, he was appointed with John Banks of Fairfield to settle the estate of Peter Johnson of F.. At the same time he, with George Hull & William Beardsley of Stratford, were nominated as assistants, "to join with the magistrates for the execution of justice in the towns of Conn. by the sea-side." About 1651. he purchased Simon Hoyt's home-lot w. of Hyde's pond, which he sold in 1653, to Edward Adams; & purchased from Alexander Bryan the same year, Thomas Newton's house and home-lot on the Ludlow Square. He was one of the most important, & one of the most influential men in Fairfield. He died in 1665, leaving nine children, viz.: Edmund, William, Mary, Andrew, Samuel, Abigail, Ann, John & Sarah. His d. Mary m. John Burr 2. . Ann m. Caleb Nichols of Stratford; & Sarah m. Nathanael Burr. His will is dated 3. of June 1659 & prob. at Fairfield "drawn by his own hand," in which, as is stated in said will, he declares himself to be "strong, merry, & well both in body & mind." He gave to his wife Esther £40 out of his movable estate, & the use of one third of his lands & housing in F., during her widowhood; to his s. John £50 at the age of 21; to d. Sarah (who afterwards m. Nathaniel Burr) £400, within one year of her m.; to d. Abigail £40, at the age of 18; to sons Andrew & Samuel, housing & lands to be equally divided between them, when the eldest was 21, years of age. All the rest of his children, he states, had received their full portion, except Edmund, who, in case he returned home, was to receive £20 out of Andrew & Samuel's portions (F. T. & Prob. Rec.) Of John, the first son mentioned in this will, I find nothing at F.; but Savage thinks he was probably the John of Middletown, Ct., who was made a freeman May 1667 at Hartford; & who m. 18 April 1664, Mary d. of William Harris of Rawley. Their children were John b. 15. Nov. 1665; Andrew 1. Dec. 1667; Esther 15. Dec. 1669; Mary — Aug. 1672; William 30. June 1674; Samuel in 1679; & another, probably posthumous, who died an infant. Probably he died early in 1684, for his inventory is dated 22. Feb. of that year. His widow m. Josiah Gilbert of Weathersfield."—Savage's Gen. Dic. Of Edmund I find no account.

Dr. William, s. of Andrew Ward 1. settled at F., & purchased the Perry house & home-lot of Dr. Thomas Pell's heirs on the Newton Square, next adjoining that of the Rev. Samuel Wakeman's. He was a physician, and was appointed by the Gen. Ct. of Conn. as surgeon, to accompany the F. Co. troops in their expeditions against the Narragansetts. He was killed during the war. He m. Esther d. of ——— & left one only child Esther. His widow Esther m. in 1678, Ebenezer Hawley of Stratford. Their children were Elizabeth Hawley b. 8. July 1879; & William Hawley b. about 1680. Ebenezer the father died in 1681. Esther his wid. next m. Sept. 1682 Ensign Ephraim Nichols, s. of Isaac 1. of Stratford, who occupied her first husband's Dr. Ward's homestead on the Newton Square. Her second husband died in 1690. Their children were Ignatius Nichols b. 17. Dec. 1683; Disborow Nichols 1. Jan 1685; & Esther Nichols 18. Dec. 1689. F. T. Rec.

Esther only d. of Dr. William Ward 1. m. for her first husband Eliphalet Hill Nov. 1691 (she is called in the Town Records, "Esther Nichols the daughter of William Ward;" which has led Savage to state that her mother m. Eliphalet Hill. Their children were William Hill b. 17. Nov 1692; & Eliphalet Hill b. 11. Jan 1694[5]. Eliphalet, the father died in 1695. (F. T. Rec.) & Esther his wid. next m. Robert Lord. Their children were Mary Lord bapt. 21. Aug 1698; Abigail Lord 5. April 1700; Sarah Lord 29. March 1702 & Robert b. ———. F. Par. Rec.

Andrew 2. s. of Andrew Ward 1. was made a freeman in 1668, & settled at Kenilworth, Conn. He m. Trial d. of John Meiges of Guilford. Their children were Andrew b. —— 1669; John 16. March 1671; Abigail 15. Sept. 1672; Sarah 15. Nov. 1674; Peter 14. Oct. 1676; William 18. Oct. 1678; Samuel 24, Sept 1680, & died the next year; Esther 2. May 1684, & died the next month; & Mary & Ann. Andrew the father died about 1691. His s. William died in Wallingford, Conn. 14. Dec. 1769, & was the ancestor of Col. James Ward of Hartford. Andrew 3. s of Andrew 2. (Capt.) m. Deborah d. of Jacob Joy, & Elizabeth d. of William Williams of K. He had several children, & died Aug. 1756. in the 87. year of his age. His d. Abigail m. Samuel

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Norton of Guilford Ct. 25. Jan. 1692[1]. His s. Peter m. Mary d. of Isaac Joy of Kenilworth 30. March 1693, & had six children. Goodwin's Gen. Notes.

SAMUEL 1., s. of Andrew Ward 1. was made a freeman of F. 1669. He m. first Alice d. of Richard Ogden 1., & Savage says for second wife Hannah wid. of Jonathan Judson of Stratford. He died before 1693, leaving w. Hannah, & children Edmund, Samuel, Hannah, Sarah & perhaps others. The children of Hannah, his wid. by her first husband, were in the inventory of Jonathan Nichols' estate of 28. Oct 1689, Josiah aged 7 ; Mary 4 ; & Jonathan 2. From a will found on file in the town-house at F. of the widow of John Judson of Woodbury, eldest s. of Joseph of Stratford, she mentions children Josiah, Mary & Jonathan Nichols & d. Hannah Ward. The third husband of wid. Hannah, may have been John Judson of Woodbury, but in this I may be mistaken.

EDMUND 2., s. of Samuel Ward 1. m ——— d. of ——— & settled at Westchester. In A. of F. T. D. is the following : " Know by all men here present that I. Edmund Ward, belonging to the Manor of Fordham, in ye county of Westchester, in y^e^ Province of New York, made administrator on the estate of my honored father Samuel Ward of the town of Fairfield, in ye colony of Connecticut, at a special court held in Fairfield 29. March 1692[2], have by these present delivered over unto my loving brother William Ward, for his legacy of lands & meadows here- under written &c : &c.

28. Dec. 1699 "——— Edmund Ward.

Recorded July 19. 1700.

The Ward family seem almost to have entirely left F. about this time. The following members of this family are to be found in the F. Rec. Moses s. of ——— Ward m. ——— d. of ———. Their children were Samuel bapt. 20. June 1714 ; Rebecca 1. April 1716 ; Sarah 12. Jan. 1717[18] ; Esther 20. Dec. 1719 ; Abigail 17. Dec. 1721 ; Moses 22. Dec. 1723.

It is from the Ward family of Fairfield, that the late Rev. Henry Ward Beecher of Brooklyn was descended.

WEBB

REV. JOSEPH WEBB entered Harvard College in 1684. He was called to the ministry of Christs Church F. in Aug 1692, with the offer of a salary of 90£, & the use of the parsonage lands. He accepted the call, & Jonathan Morehouse & Samuel Squire were appt. to remove his family & effects to F. It is recorded in B. of T. Votes : " It is to be remembered that Mr. Joseph Webb & his family, came to Fairfield on Thursday at night, being y^e^ 13^th^ of October 1692." On the 20 of Jan. 1693 a tax of two pence on the £. was laid upon the townsmen towards collecting his salary ; & on the 23 of March following " the town declared that they would give Mr. Webb the house called the school house, & the land it stands upon from the rear of Barlows lot, & west to Capt. Samuel Wakeman's land, & so much land on the south side as would take in the well, & the land eastward 4 rods, & so down to the east end of Barlow's lot, forever. The six acre lot of Thomas Barlow was afterwards purchased of the heirs, & added to Mr. Webbs home-lot.

The REV. JOSEPH WEBB was m. to Elizabeth, the youngest d. of Isaac Nichols of Stratford (b. 2 April 1668) by the Rev. W^m^ Curtis 8. July 1691. Their children were : Joseph b. 21 Sept. 1693 ; Nehemiah 26. Feb 1695 ; Elizabeth 14. Feb 1696/7 ; Mary 10. March 1697/8 ; Grace 3. Dec. 1700; Sarah 30. Jan 1703/4 ; Abigail 5. March 1704/5 ; Josiah 13. March 1706/7. His wife Elizabeth died 15. Feb. 1718 (F. T. Rec.); & on the 21. Sept. 1721 he m. Mrs. Mehitable Coney of Stratford (Strat Par. Rec). He died 19 Sept. 1732. leaving a large estate, which after his widow received her dower, was divided between his children. He had previously given " 200 acres, lying in the Parish of Redding " to his son Joseph as a part of his portion. Abigail was given the homestead & land adjoining it, in which Mrs. Mehitable Webb was given a life dower. Abigail sold her right in the house & land to Benjamin Wynecoop 26. Dec. 1735, & m. Archibald Preston.

Joseph Webb 2. m. & became a minister at Newark N. J.

Elizabeth Webb m. Rev. Samuel Pomeroy of Newton L. I. Sarah Webb m. Mr. John Denny of F.

"Josiah Webb & Susannah Disbrow, d. of Thomas Disbrow were m. Nov. 1729" Their children were, Grace b. 7. March 1734; Joseph 17. March 1736; Disbrow 3. June 1738; Nehemiah 23. Sept 1740; Josiah 16. April 1743; Elizabeth 28. April 1745; Abigail 6. June 1747; Isaac 23. Aug. 1750; Josiah Webb again m. Hannah Sherwood Oct. 1750. Their children were: Hezekiah b. 18 Nov. 1752; Seth 1754.

WHEELER

Two branches of the Wheeler family were among the early settlers of Pequonnock, namely Thomas Wheeler sr., Thomas Wheeler jr., brothers, & Ephraim Wheeler their nephew. Tradition says they were from Wales.

THOMAS WHEELER sr. born in England, was early at Concord; there made a freeman 17. April 1636[7], & early removed to F. His home-lot at Pequonnock of 2¼ acres, is recorded Jan. 1649, bounded n. e. with home-lot of Thomas Wheeler jr., n. w. James Bennett's, s. e. John Evart's & s. w. with highway. His will is dated 23. Aug. 1654, in which he mentions wife Ann, for whom he amply provides; to eldest s. Thomas, who lived at Concord, Mass. he gave his home-lot, & all land divided, or undivided, in Concord, &c., to his d. Sarah, wife of Thomas Sherwood 10^{s}, & to her son Thomas a colt; to his four grandchildren Mary, James, Thomas & John Bennet, children of his dau. Hannah, then dead, & James Bennet (who m his d. in 1639,) 10^{s} each; to s. John, his sole executor, he left all his estate at F., reserving his wife Ann's right in his house & lands left for her use at Greenlea. He made his brother Thomas an over-seer of his will, showing that he was the brother of Thomas jr.; another case where two brothers bore the same christian name. His widow Ann died in 1659, & her will was probated 21. Aug. following.

THOMAS WHEELER jr., brother of the above Thomas sr., settled at Pequonnock, & had a home-lot recorded Jan. 1649, bounded n. w. by highway; n. e. Richard Roots & Benjamin Turney's home-lots, s. w. by the home-lots of Ephraim Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler sr. & James Bennett. This lot was sold to Henry Jackson, & next to Robert Turney 24. Dec 1673 & afterwards to Richard Hubbell, in whose family it remained for many years. Of this Thomas Wheeler jr. I know no more; but he may have been the Thomas of Milford.

CAPT. THOMAS, of Concord s. of Thomas Wheeler sr. of F. born in England; made a freeman of Mass. 18, May 1642, m. Ruth d. of William Wood, & had dau. Alice who died 17. March 1641. By second wife Sarah, had d. Sarah b. 10. July 1749; Joseph 18, Aug. 1651; Ann 20. Dec. 1653; John 18. Feb. 1656; Mary 20. Dec. 1658, & Thomas 29. March 1662. He was a Captain in King Philip's War, & at one time was appointed with Capt. Hutchinson to go with twenty horsemen to Quabuog, to treat with the Nipmuck Sachem. The party was surprised by the Indians, & a number of them slain. Capt. Hutchinson was mortally wounded. Capt. Wheeler was also wounded & also his son, a lad of 13 years of age. He & the surviving troops fled to the town of Brookfield, where they made a log house their strong hold. Others joined them to the number of eighty, including their troops. The house was surrounded with Indians, who several times attempted to burn them out, but the bravery of Capt. Wheeler's men thwarted them at one time, & the rain extinguished the flames at another. At the moment the Indians were about to make another attack to destroy them, by preparing an engine, drawn by several pairs of cart-wheels, & loaded with combustible materials to fire the garrison, Capt. Wheeler was relieved at ten O,'clock at night, by a flying army of sixty horse-men, who forced their way through the Indians, killing several, and wholly routing them. "During the time these people kept themselves in the house, two women were safely delivered of two sons apiece, who in a month's time brought them, all themselves, on foot to Boston, where they were plentifully relieved, out of the church stock there." (Drake's Old Indian Chronicle.) Capt. Wheeler wrote a narrative which has been re-published by the N. H. Historical Society in Vol. 2. He died 16. Dec. 1686, leaving widow Hannah, his 3^{d} w:,

& son Thomas, to administer upon his estate, by power from Governor Andros. His daughter Ruth m. 7. May 1673. Ephraim Jones of Concord. Savage Gen. Dic.

SERGT. JOHN 1. s. of Thomas Wheeler sr., accompanied his father from Concord to F. He was given by will his father's lands at F.; but had previously been deeded several valuable parcels of land by him, one of which was at Greenlea, near the Ship Harbor. The town granted him 8. acres in 1673, at Black Rock, bounded e. with the creek, & on all other sides with his own land, which confirms the account of William Wheeler's journal. He was made a freeman in 1669; was granted 100 acres by the Gen. Ct., was deputy from the town several times. He died intestate in the latter part of 1689; & on the 5. of April 1690 the court at F. appointed his widow & his s. John to administer upon his estate, which amounted 1656£. 4ª & 6ᵈ. He m. first Judith d. of Benjamin Turney, & may have had a second wife. He had fourteen children, thirteen of whom were living when he died. whose ages are mentioned in the distribution of his estate in 1690, as follows: Judan (probably Judith) 29; John 26; Elizabeth 23; Thomas 21; Mary 19; Rebecca 18; Joseph 16; Hannah 14; Abigail 10; Obediah 8; Anne 6; Jonathan 3; & David 1.

LIEUT JOHN 2. s. of John Wheeler 1., first m. Elizabeth d. of Henry Rowland 1. His second wife was Abigail d. of Nathaniel Burr 1., whom he m. 22. March 1693. Their children were John b. 20. July 1694; Sarah 11. Feb. 1696½; Abigail 16. Aug. 1698; Mary 4. Nov. 1701; Elizabeth 3. April 1703; Judith Anne bapt. 10. March 1705ᵈ; Mary again 27. Dec 1713; Obadiah 15. April 1716.

Several of the sons & grand-sons of Thomas Wheeler sr., settled on the long-lots of the family in Easton, & on the dividend lands of Compo, or Westport, Black Rock & Pequonnock.

SERGT. EPHRAIM Wheeler 1., a nephew of the first two Thomases, was made a freeman at Concord, Mass. 13. March 1638. Farmer says he had a son Isaac born there in 1639, but probably died soon after; Isaac again 13. Dec. 1642. He moved to F. with the Rev. John Jone's company in 1644, & was granted a home-lot at Pequonnock of 3 acres, bounded n. w. & s. w. with highways, n. e. with home-lots of Thomas Wheeler jr; s. e. with home-lot of James Bennet. He afterwards settled at Greenlea. He became a large land-holder in F. & was one of its most honored citizens. He m. Ann d. of Robert Turney. His will is dated 22. Sept. 1669, in which he gives to Isaac, Mary & Ruth 10ª, they having received their father's portion previously; to d. Hannah £15. she having received a part of her portion; to s'ª Samuel, Timothy & Ephraim minors, ¼ each of the building & land he then lived upon, when of age; to Rebecca, a minor, land between Hawkins brook & John Odell's house at Greenlea; to Abigail & Judith, minors 30£. each, when married or at 18 years of age; to w. Ann the use & choice of one end of his house, at her death or marriage, & then to be possessed wholly by Samuel. He made his wife executrix, & his cousin John Wheeler & Nathan Gold over-seers of his estate. Rebecca m. Samuel Gregory, who settled a little above the present St John's Church.

WHELPLEY

HENRY WHELPLEY was at Stratford in 1645, & was soon after at F., where he was granted a home-lot on the s. w. corner of the Frost Square. He sold this place in 1653, to Alexander Knowles. His widow Sarah, m. Ralph Keeler of Norwalk. He was probably the father of Joseph & Rebecca & perhaps other children. Rebecca m. Ezekiel Sandford of Pequonnock 25. April 1665; by whom she had a large family of children. F. T. Rec.

JOSEPH 1. s. of Henry Whelpley 1., m. Rebecca d. of Thomas Bulkley 1. Their children were Sarah b. 30. June 1676; Rebecca 2. April 1679; Joseph 7. Oct. 1682 F. T. Rec.

JOSEPH 2. s. of Joseph Whelpley 1., m —— d. of —— Their children were Sarah bapt. 16. March 1706½, & perhaps others.

WILSON

ANTONY WILSON settled at F. about 1643, & m. Rachel, wid. of John Brandish, by whom he had d. Sarah. He next m. Sarah, the wid. of William Hill of F., & d. of Rev. John Jones. He d. early in 1662, leaving a good estate to his only child Sarah ; £60. to his brother Samuel Wilson ; legacies to his brother's Thomas, & John Wilson, to his brothers William & Ignatius Hill ; to his sister Ann ; & to his four cousins, meaning Savage says, nephews Thomas Wilson, Peter Clapham & Edward & Samuel Wilson.

SAMUEL WILSON of F., probably a brother of the above Antony m. Phebe d. of Joseph Middlebrook, under a marriage contract 1679. He took the oath of fidelity in the N. H. Col. 1. July 1644. In March the same year, he, with several others were fined each "6d. for fool guns." Again he was fined 5s. in 1646 for "wanting a worme, scourer & rest"—he having been warned to provide them. And for a defective cock on his gun & his bandoliers wanting covers, he was fined another 5s. He purchased of Edward Wigglesworth his house & home-lot 1. Sept. 1646 at New Haven. On the 6 Feb. 1649, he sold his house & home lot at New Haven to Thomas Powell. He probably at this time removed to F. His children were John, Isaac, Daniel Joseph & Stephen & Elizabeth, all bapt. 7. March 1696/7.

William Wilson was a freeman of F. 8. Feb. 1668.

THOMAS WILSON of F. was made a freeman in 1664 & was probably a brother, or a nephew of Antony Wilson. He d. in 1691, leaving wid. Hannah & one d.

JOSEPH, prob. s. of Samuel Wilson 1. m. ——— d. of ———. Their children were Sarah, Abigail & Elizabeth, all bapt. 2. April 1732, Anne 16. July 1732, Samuel 3. Nov. 1734.

NATHANIEL s. of ——— Wilson m. Elizabeth ——— & had children Nathaniel & Anne bapt. 7. April 1795.

NATHANIEL 2, s. of Nathaniel Wilson 1., m. ——— d. of ———, & had s. Nathaniel bapt. Oct. 1725.

LIST OF GENEALOGIES

1 Adams.
2 Andrews.
3 Banks.
4 Barlow.
5 Bartram.
6 Beers.
7 Bradley.
8 Bulkley.
9 Burr.
10 Cabell.
11 Coley.
12 Couch.
13 Denny.
14 Dimond.
15 Fanton.
16 Frost.
17 Gilbert.
18 Gold.
19 Godfrey.
20 Gray.
21 Green.
22 Grumman.
23 Hall.
24 Hedge.
25 Hide.
26 Hill.
27 Hubbell.
28 Hull.
29 Jackson.
30 Jennings.
31 Jessup.
32 Jones.
33 Joy.
34 Knap.
35 Knowles.
36 Lockwood.
37 Lord.
38 Lyon.
39 Middlebrook.
40 Morehouse.
41 Nash.
42 Nichols.
43 Odell.
44 Ogden.
45 Osborne.
46 Read.
47 Robinson.
48 Roots.
49 Rowland.
50 Sandford.
51 Seeley.
52 Silliman.
53 Sherwood.
54 Sprague.
55 Squire.
56 Staples.
57 Sturges.
58 Thompson.
59 Treadwell.
60 Turney.
61 Wakeley.
62 Wakeman.
63 Ward.
64 Webb.
65 Wheeler.
66 Whelpley.
67 Wilson.

ABBREVIATIONS

b.....born.

bapt.....baptized.

Conn. Col. Rec.....Connecticut Colonial Records.

d. & d's.....daughter, or daughters.

dec. & d.....deceased, or died.

F.....Fairfield.

F. T. D..... Fairfield Town Deeds.

F. Par. Rec.....Fairfield Parish Records,

F. Prob. Rec.....Fairfield Probate Records.

G. F. Par. Rec.....Green's Farm's Parish Records.

G. H. Par. Rec.....Greenfield Hill Parish Records.

Gen. Ct.....General Court.

H. C.....Harvard College.

m.....married.

Mass. Col. Rec.....Massachusetts Colonial Records.

N. H. Col. Rec.....New Haven Colonial Records.

N. E.....Northeast.

N. W.....Northwest.

S. & S's.....Son, or sons.

S. E.....Southeast.

S. W.....Southwest.

wid.....Widow.

w.....Wife.